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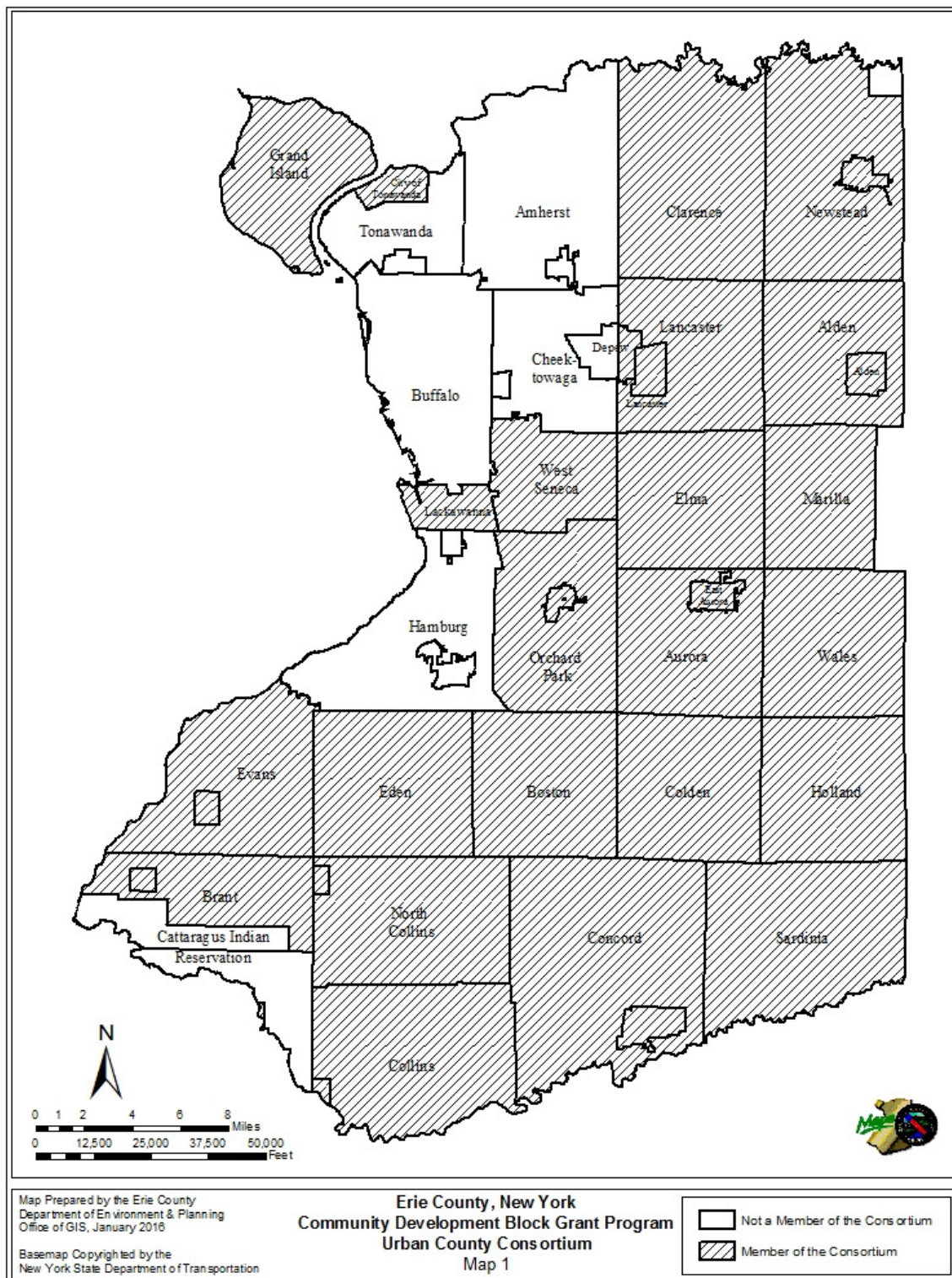
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1. Introduction

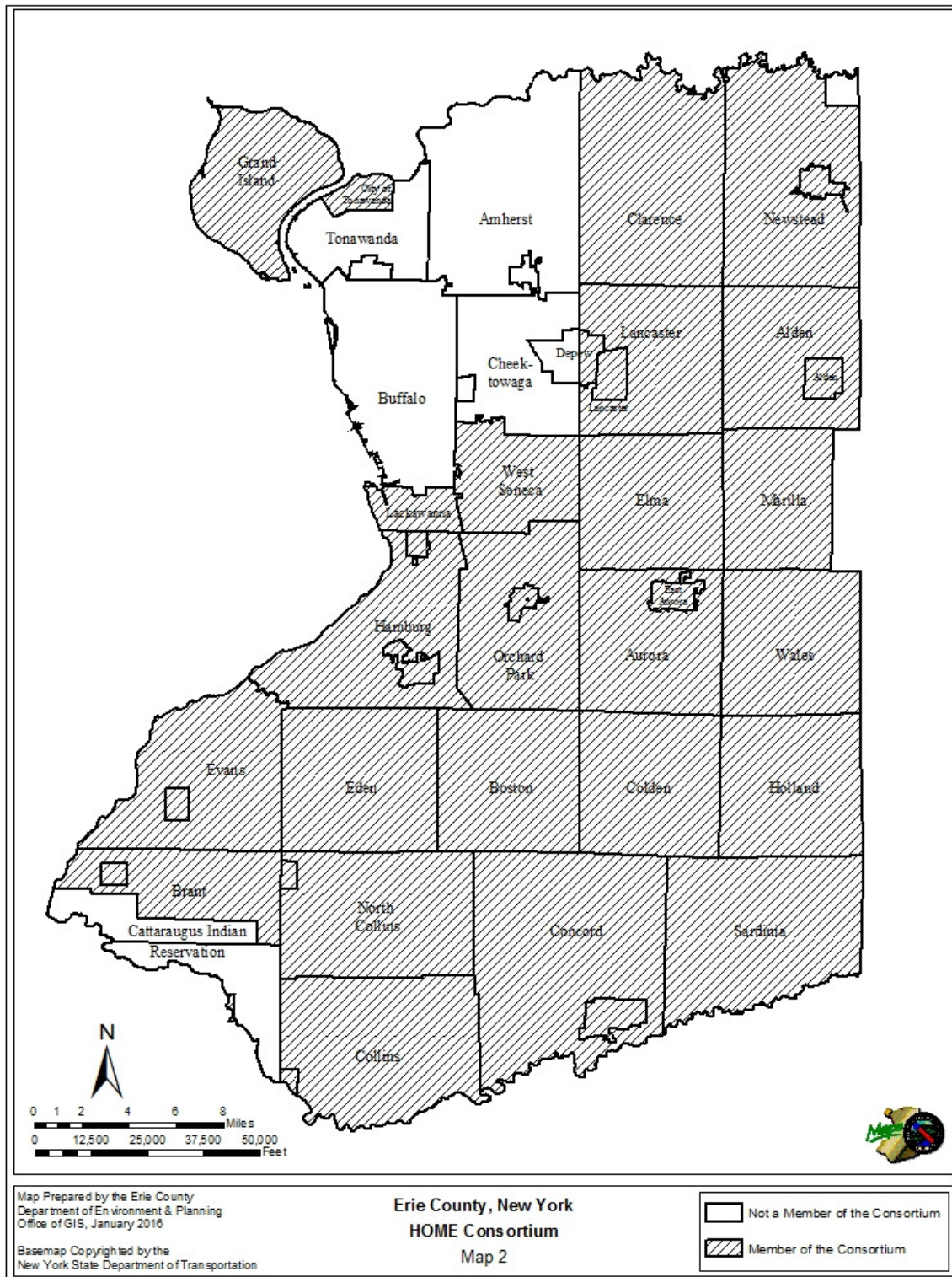
The Erie County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium is made up of 34 municipalities. The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) administers the CDBG and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program grants on behalf of the CDBG Consortium communities. The DEP also administers the Erie County HOME Consortium, which is comprised of the 34 CDBG Consortium municipalities and the Town of Hamburg and its two villages—the Villages of Hamburg and Blasdell.

The Erie County CDBG Consortium and Erie County HOME Consortium are required to prepare this Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) for the CDBG, HOME and ESG federal grant programs in order to guide federal funding allocations for housing, community development and economic development activities within their communities. This CP covers the period from FY 2015 through FY 2019 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020). This Action Plan for the 2016 program is Year 2 of the 5 Year Consolidated Plan.

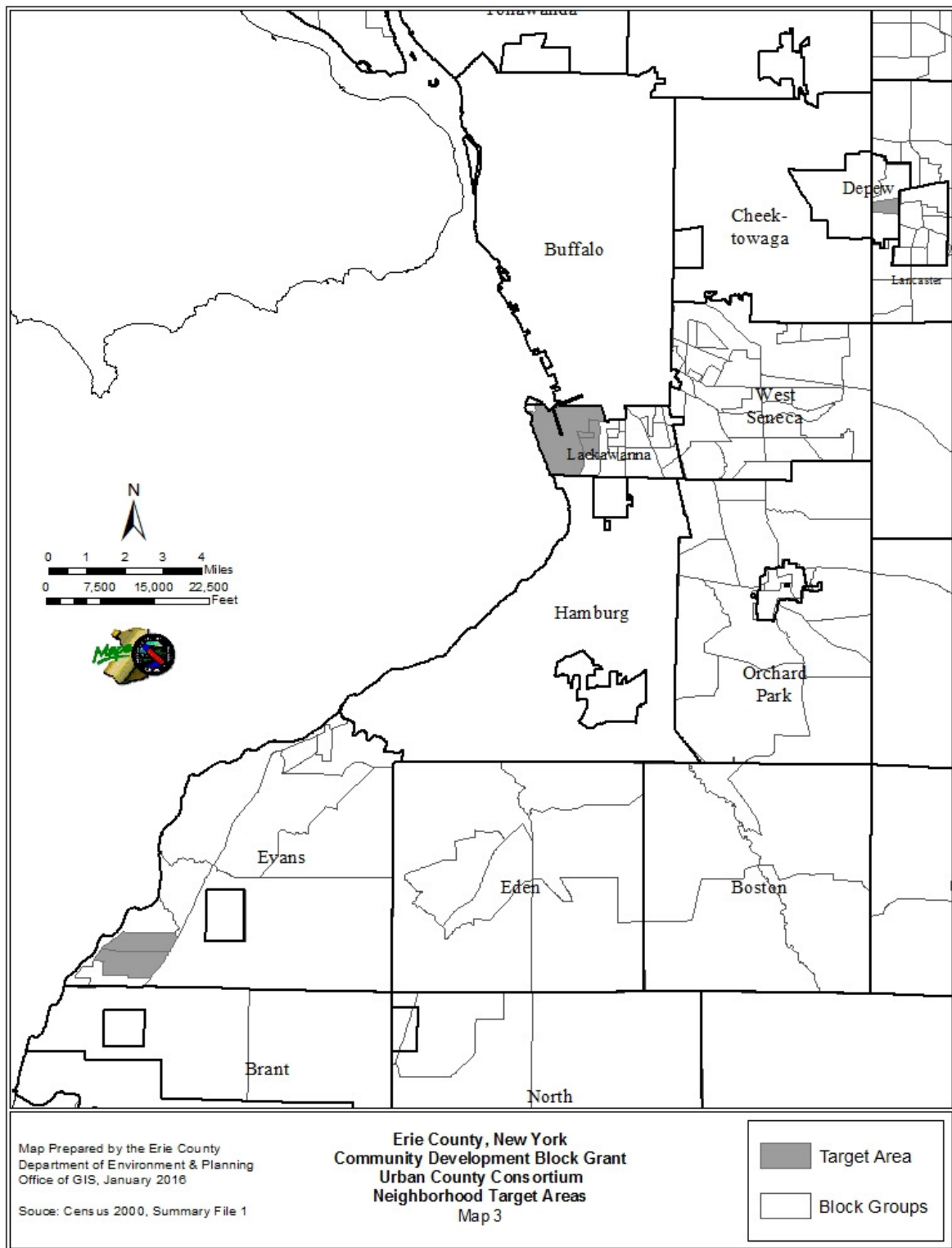
Attached are Maps 1 and 2 of the consortium CDBG and HOME service areas. Also attached are Maps 3-6 that address geographic priorities.



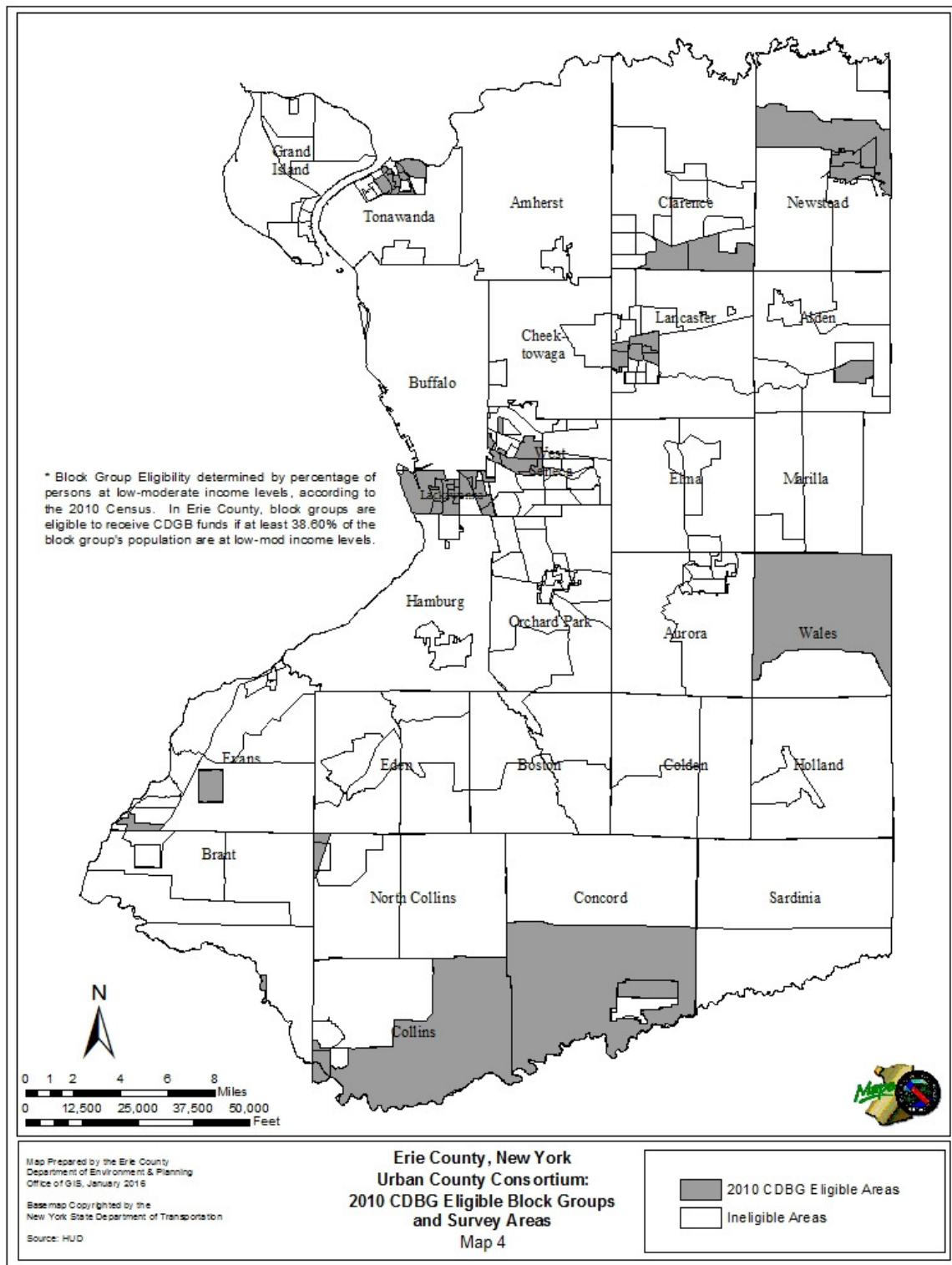
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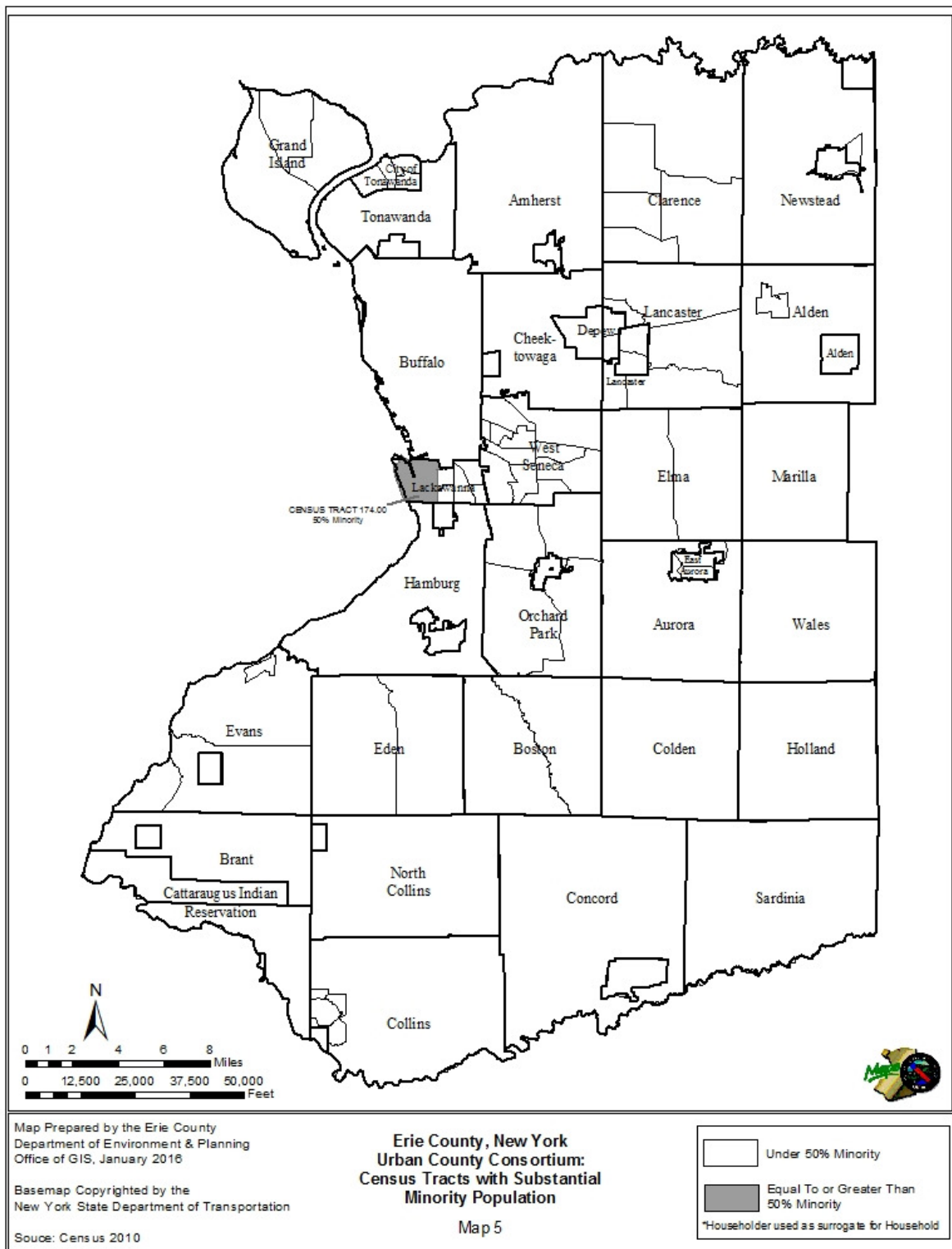
Map 2- HOME Service Area



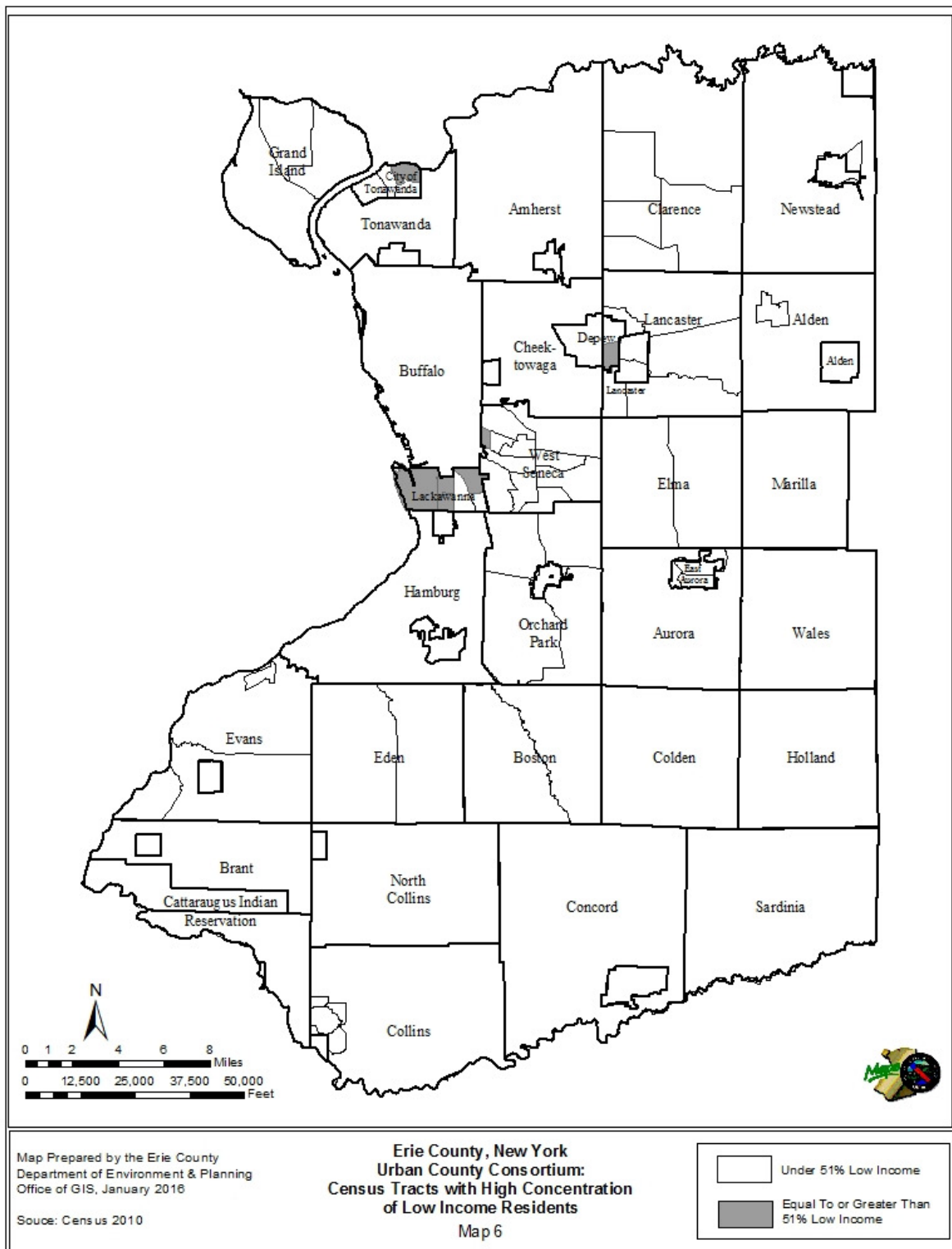
Map 3- Target Areas



Map 4- Income Eligible Block Groups



Map 5- Census Tracts with High Minority Concentration



Map 6- Census Tracts with high percentage of low income people

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The 2016 budget is attached. A positive trend is the high amount of other funds \$1,137,158 and program income (approximately \$548,750) being combined with the Consortium's annual entitlement grant allocations. This further stretches federal dollars and allows the overall program to better address the high-priority areas. Below are highlights for the 2016 Program Year:

Community Development Highlights

Nine (9) community projects will be funded this year. This represents approximately 32% of the entitlement grant allocation.

- Town of Lancaster, Senior Van Acquisition: \$50,352
- Town of Brant, Senior/Community Center ADA Improvements: \$18,750
- Village of Depew, Bloomfield, Warsaw, Calumet Sidewalk Replacement : \$100,000
- City of Lackawanna, Center Street Reconstruction: \$100,000
- Town of West Seneca, Birchwood, N. Covington, Burch and Grace Streets Road Reconstruction: \$100,000
- Village of North Collins, Road Reconstruction: \$100,000
- Town of Clarence, Main Street Sidewalk Installation: \$100,000
- Village of Akron, Hoag Avenue Sidewalk/Curb Replacement: \$66,450
- Various Communities, Rural Transit Service: \$270,000

A substantial commitment of CDBG funds will again be allocated to the Rural Transit Services Project. The services twenty-five municipalities and provides van transportation to doctor offices, shopping centers, senior centers and other destinations for low-income and seniors.

Housing and Emergency Solutions Programs Highlights

Over 47 households are on the wait list for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and 85 are on the Mobile Home wait list. Priority is given to those residing in target areas and older housing stock, as well as those having lower incomes.

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program will provide homeless and at risk of being homeless individuals and families assistance to find and maintain permanent housing. The Program will provide financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to program participants. Financial assistance will include rental assistance, security deposits for utilities and rent, moving costs and etc. Other program services will include case management, housing search, legal services and budget repair.

Economic Development Highlights

Infrastructure improvements and reconstructions include Erie St. Sewer Re-lining, City of Tonawanda- \$ 100,000, Hollywood Theater Renovation, Village of Gowanda- \$ 65,900, Former Nike Base Demolition, Town of Grand Island- \$89,000 and Smart Growth Project funding for the C. of Tonawanda- Business District Parking Lot Enhancements- \$325,000.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The following provides a brief summary highlighting key achievements in the four major funding categories.

1. Administration: Erie County successfully adhered to several key indicators established by HUD to gauge an entitlement's performance. As of January 31, 2015, Erie County had achieved the timeliness standard by having only 1.28 times the dollar amount of the 2013 CDBG grant award in the unexpended category.

Other key administrative achievements were the expenditure of 80.00% of all non-planning/admin monies on activities targeted to benefiting low/moderate income people, as well as staying under the required administrative cap of 20% by expending 14.85 on planning and administration.

2. Community Projects: Twelve projects were completed in 2014 benefiting low/mod income people. The Rural Transit Service Program continued its successful efforts by helping 1,842 seniors and low-income people gain better access to shopping and medical appointments.

3. Economic Development: Three projects were completed in 2014. Each project assisted a neighborhood to eliminate a blighting structure. In 2013 the Commercial Center Improvement Program continued with one business completed with exterior rehabilitation with CDBG funding assistance and four underway. Much of the work in 2014 was completed in the Villages of North Collins and Alden.

4. Housing: Taken together, the Erie County housing programs assisted 104 low/mod income households in 2014. Goals were achieved in the mobile home repair and owner occupied rehab programs. The prioritized wait list for the popular Housing Rehabilitation Program begun in 2005 is now resulting in more homes being completed in the two older areas of the Consortium. In 2014, 13% of all County rehab cases were in the Cities of Tonawanda and Lackawanna, and Town of Evans target areas.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Consortia's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) sets forth the procedures and policies the Consortia will use to encourage citizen participation in the development, operation and reporting of their annual CDBG, ESG and HOME grants and the Consolidated Plan. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of the Consolidated and Annual Plans, any substantial amendments to the Plans, and the CAPER. This participation by low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in designated target areas and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low and moderate income neighborhoods, is particularly encouraged as is the participation of all residents, including seniors, minorities and persons with disabilities.

By implementing the CPP, the Consortia will become more aware and sensitive to low- and moderate-income citizens' needs. It will also afford the Consortia an opportunity to better inform the public of the purpose of the CDBG, ESG and HOME grants and the grant allocation process, and ensure that selected projects are meeting the needs of these constituents.

Participation Prior to the solicitation and selection of the 2016 CD projects, a series of meetings were held. County staff met with representatives of municipalities, community-based organizations and housing-related agencies to encourage citizen participation in a series of countywide public forums. The meetings were also used to inform the public about the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, the type of projects eligible for funding, and the project selection process. Articles appeared in local and community newspapers informing the public about the county-wide forums and encouraging their participation.

These forums for residents of the 37 municipalities were held on September 15, September 16, and September 17, for the purpose of receiving input from them on needs in human services, housing, community/neighborhood improvements and economic development.

Within the 37 municipalities in the HOME Consortium, the low- and very- low-income population is not concentrated in one identifiable area. For that reason, during 2015, the three public forums noted above were held in areas with census tracts containing sizable populations of very-low and low-income residents. The forums were held in the Depew Hall, Lackawanna Public Library and the Springville Municipal Building. Geographically, these municipalities are spread out throughout the Consortium, thus facilitating accessibility for residents from any area of the County. Please refer to Section AP-85- Other Actions- to review criteria for changes to the draft budget based on final funding allocations from HUD.

Attached is a table showing all of the dates and times of each municipal public hearing.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS			
2016-17 PLAN		ERIE COUNTY CDBG URBAN CONSORTIUM	
SPONSOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ERIE COUNTY- CONSORTIUM-WIDE CITIZEN FORUMS:	9/15/2015	7:00 P.M.	DEPEW VILLAGE HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
	9/16/2015	6:30 P.M.	LACKAWANNA LIBRARY-COMMUNITY RM.
	9/17/2015	7:00 P.M.	SPRINGVILLE MUNICIPAL BLDG., COURT ROOM
MUNICIPAL HEARINGS:			
LACKAWANNA, C.	10/28/2015	9:00 A.M.	CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TONAWANDA, C.	10/5/2015	4:00 P.M.	CITY HALL COURT ROOM
ALDEN, T.	10/5/2015	7:15 P.M.	TOWN HALL
ALDEN, V.	10/22/2015	7:45 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
AURORA,	10/26/2015	7:00 P.M.	SOUTHSIDE MUNICIPAL BLDG.
EAST AURORA, V.	10/19/2015	7:00 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
BOSTON,	10/7/2015	7:40 P.M.	TOWN HALL
BRANT, T.	10/13/2015	8:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
FARNHAM, V.	10/20/2015	7:30 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
CLARENCE, T.	10/28/2015	8:15 P.M.	TOWN HALL
COLDEN, T.	10/8/2015	7:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
COLLINS, T.	10/19/2015	7:30 P.M.	TOWN HALL
GOWANDA, V.	10/16/2015	7:30 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
CONCORD, T.	10/8/2015	6:20 P.M.	TOWN HALL
SPRINGVILLE, V.	10/19/2015	7:00 P.M.	VILLAGE COURT
EDEN, T.	10/28/2015	8:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
ELMA, T.	10/21/2015	7:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
EVANS, T.	10/28/2015	7:10 P.M.	TOWN HALL
ANGOLA, V.	10/19/2015	7:15 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
GRAND ISLAND, T.	10/19/2015	8:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
HOLLAND, T.	10/14/2015	8:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL
LANCASTER, T.	10/19/2015	7:15 P.M.	TOWN HALL
LANCASTER, V.	10/26/2015	6:00 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
DEPEW, V.	10/26/2015	7:00 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
MARILLA, T.	10/8/2015	7:35 P.M.	TOWN HALL
NEWSTEAD, T.	9/28/2015	7:55 P.M.	TOWN HALL
AKRON, V.	10/19/2015	7:30 P.M.	VILLAGE HALL
NORTH COLLINS, T.	10/6/2015	7:45 P.M.	TOWN HALL
NORTH COLLINS, V.	10/6/2015	7:30 P.M.	VILLAGE MUNICIPAL OFFICE
ORCHARD PARK, T.	10/16/2015	7:00 P.M.	MUNICIPAL CTR.-BOARD ROOM
ORCHARD PARK, V.	9/14/2015	7:00 P.M.	MUNICIPAL CTR.
SARDINIA, T.	10/22/2015	6:15 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTER
WALES, T.	10/22/2015	7:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTER
WEST SENECA, T.	10/15/2015	7:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL-COURT
HAMBURG, T.	9/14/2015	6:30 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
"	9/28/2015	6:30 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
"	10/7/2015	5:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
"	10/26/2015	6:30 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
"	10/28/2015	5:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
"	11/4/2015	5:00 P.M.	TOWN HALL- LOBBY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	2/4/2016		1004 RATH BLDG., BUFFALO
CONSOLIDATED	1/26/2016	6:30 P.M.	LACKAWANNA LIBRARY-MUSEUM RM.
PLAN ("DRAFT")	1/27/2016	7:00 P.M.	HAMBURG TOWN HALL-LOBBY
PUBLIC HEARINGS	1/28/2016	7:00 P.M.	TONAWANDA CITY HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2016 Action Plan Public Hearing Schedule

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The following identifies comments and responses made during the citizen participation process.

1. Housing Needs:

a) More senior housing, especially affordable senior housing is needed in more rural areas of the consortium is needed. More funds for housing rehab because the waiting list is long especially for mobile home owners.

2. Human Service Needs:

a) Need more services and care coordinators to assist seniors with obtaining HEAP applications, addressing senior citizen medical issues, including alert bracelets for safety). Most seniors do not know where to get this information or do not have convenient access to it.

b) Need for enhanced transportation services for seniors in the Towns where the Rural Transit Service does not serve.

3. Neighborhood / Community Development Needs:

a) Need for after-school programs in low income areas.

b) Need for increased funding for deteriorated sidewalks and infrastructure in older low income neighborhoods.

c) Need for increased funding for demolition of blighted buildings.

4. Economic Development Needs:

a) Business assistance programs needed for repairs to small businesses- exterior and interior.

b) Improvements to small business and village center areas. Physical improvements such as grants to businesses and streetscape updates are needed.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments or views were accepted.

7. Summary

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ERIE COUNTY	Environment & Planning
HOME Administrator	ERIE COUNTY	Environment & Planning
ESG Administrator	ERIE COUNTY	Environment & Planning

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Erie County HOME Consortium is comprised of thirty-seven municipalities, while the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium has thirty-four members. The Town of Hamburg and the two villages located therein are only members of the HOME entity. The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has been administering the Consortia since the late 1970s via three-year cooperation agreements. A memorandum of understanding co-signed by Erie County and member communities in 1998 is the guiding document that directs funding allocations and other administrative matters.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The Consortia developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach effort included public meetings, published meeting notices, stakeholder meetings, in-person interviews, and telephone interviews. Furthermore, the DEP implements a range of affordable housing and community development activities, including administration of the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs; preparation of the Consolidated Plan (CP), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and the Annual Plan; technical assistance for and collaboration with non-profit and for-profit housing developers and social service agencies; and rehabilitation and other affordable housing projects. During the preparation of the CP, the Consortia consulted with many entities.

The primary role of private industry in Consortia activities is as contractors to the housing rehabilitation cases undertaken annually as well as the community projects carried out with CDBG, ESG and HOME funding. Various commercial banks in the region are active participants in the affordable housing delivery system and serve on Consortia project committees. Financial assistance through the banking community is often used to leverage CDBG and HOME dollars in constructing new senior housing projects. ER), and the Annual Plan; technical assistance for and collaboration with non-profit and for-profit housing developers and social service agencies; and rehabilitation and other affordable housing projects. During the preparation of the CP, the Consortia consulted with many entities

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Because homelessness is less concentrated in the Erie Consortia municipalities, it is not as noticeable as it is in the nearby City of Buffalo. There are no emergency shelters located within the Consortia, and rapid re-housing is difficult due to the suburban and rural nature of the Consortia's settled areas. The Consortia coordinate with the Homeless Alliance of Western New York (HAWNY), which manages the Continuum of Care (CoC) within the area. The CoC maintains a rapid re-housing program for the five-county Western New York area. This entails providing apartments to homeless individuals and families who present only moderate barriers to achieving housing stability.

Community development staff in the Consortia have participated in the Prism Project Forum and Point in Time Count to survey the homeless and help to create a data base of services utilized by the chronically homeless. These projects, sponsored by HAWNY, have produced a Ten-Year Action Plan to end homelessness in the broader Erie County community. Among the priorities the Plan sets for the community are permanent housing for the chronically homeless and permanent housing for clients dealing with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

Two HUD-certified housing counseling agencies provide one-on-one counseling with low-moderate income eligible residents with housing issues who are often at risk of homelessness, credit/financial issues, apartment searches, tenant-landlord issues, fair housing issues, etc. Belmont Housing Resources for WNY administers the Sec 8 rental assistance program for all of Erie County (except for City of Buffalo) and provides the greatest amount of housing and credit counseling for individuals and families, while Buffalo Urban League offers legal assistance as well as credit counseling for those households at the risk of mortgage default or foreclosure.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The performance standards for activities funded under the County ESG Program were developed by the Erie County/Niagara County CoC. Staff for the CoC met with local government staff and homeless service providers to determine the performance standards for the homeless rapid re-housing programs and the homelessness prevention programs that will be administered in the Erie County/Niagara CoC.

DEP, along with the CoC, will evaluate the outcomes of activities assisted by the County's ESG funds. Data collected from HAWNY's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to determine if agencies funded with ESG funds are meeting their performance goals. the chronically homeless. These projects, sponsored by HAWNY, have produced a Ten-Year Action Plan to end homelessness in the broader Erie County community. Among the priorities the Plan sets for the community are permanent housing for the chronically homeless and permanent housing for clients dealing with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

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2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The housing authority was consulted by interview regarding the needs of public housing residents.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Tonawanda Municipal Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The housing authority was consulted by interview regarding the needs of public housing residents.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the economic development needs of Erie County.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Co. Dept. of Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Various Social
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Human Service Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of social service clients in Erie County.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Co. Dept. of Senior Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of senior citizens in Erie County.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Co. Dept. of Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Human Service Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of mental health clients in Erie County.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	HOMELESS ALLIANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of the homeless population in Erie County.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BUFFALO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of the homeless population in Erie County.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of the rental housing population in Erie County.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	BELMONT SHELTER CORP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted by interview to obtain information on the needs of the rental housing population in Erie County.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.100(4), the Consortia will notify adjacent units of local government of the non-housing community development needs included in the CP. The Erie County CDBG Consortium and the Town of Hamburg are committed to increasing citizen awareness and involvement in the preparation and implementation of the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. Through the citizen participation process, the grantee will become more aware and sensitive to low-and moderate-income citizens needs and the needs of people with disabilities and the organizations representing persons with disabilities. It will also afford the Consortia an opportunity to better inform the public of the purpose of the CDBG, ESG and HOME grants and the funding allocation process, and ensure that selected projects are meeting the needs of the Consortia's constituents.

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Most minorities living in the Consortia communities reside in the City of Lackawanna. One of the public forums was held in Lackawanna in a location convenient for those residents. All sites were accessible for individuals with limited mobility. Special meetings and information for non-English speaking residents were available upon request. Interpretation services were available for meetings if requested in advance.

On February 4, 2016, the Coordinating Committee, with representatives of the Erie County CDBG Consortium Project Selection Committee, Lackawanna Community Development Corp., Lackawanna Public Housing Authority, People, Inc., Community Concern, Erie County Departments of Social Services, Senior Services, and Environment and Planning, and the Town of Hamburg represented by the Supervisor, will meet to review the data gathered by the staff, issues and needs identified by residents, governmental agencies, and service providers along with the priorities, strategy and objectives established in the Year 2 Action Plan to address those needs.

The 34 municipalities that make up the Erie County Concoortium are required annually to advertise and hold public hearings in their respective communities.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizen Forum held in the village of Depew on 9/15/15. 2 people attended.	Need for increased funding for housing rehab and for demolition of blighted buildings.	None	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizen Forum held in the Village of Springville on 9/16/15. 1 person attended.	Need for increased transportation service.	None	

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3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizen Forum held in the City of Lackawanna on 9/17/15. 6 people attended.	Need for increased funding for housing rehab and for transportation services in areas that are not serviced by the Rural Transit Service Program.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			Annual Action Plan 2016	<p>1. Housing Needs:a) More senior housing, especially affordable senior housing is needed in more rural areas of the consortium is needed. More funds for housing rehab because the waiting list is long especially for mobile home owners.2. Human Service Needs:a) Need more services and care coordinators to assist seniors with obtaining HEAP applications, addressing senior citizen medical issues, including alert bracelets for safety). Most seniors do not know where to get this information or</p> <p>not have convenient access to it.b) Need for</p>		

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5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice of availability of the FY 2016 Action Plan for public review and comments was published in the Buffalo News on January 8 and the Buffalo Criterion on January 9, 2016.			
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The FY 2016 Action Plan was posted on Erie County's web site on 1/12/16.			
7	Public comment period	Non-targeted/broad community	The PY 2016 Action Plan was on public display from January 12 through February 11 2016.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Public Hearing	Public Hearings	Erie County will hold public hearings on January 26, 27 and 28 2016 to present the 2016 Action Plan and receive comments from the public. The meetings will be held in the City Lackawanna, Town of Hamburg and City of Tonawanda.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The following table shows the amount of funds expected to be available in Year One of this Consolidated Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,685,297	326,265	94,614	3,106,176	9,591,672	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	591,737	222,485	0	814,222	2,087,466	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	215,143	0	0	215,143	645,429	

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Erie County, excluding the City of Buffalo, has over 15,902 vacant housing units. Many are eligible for foreclosure. BENLIC will be viewed as a resource to the Consortium in identifying units within the aforementioned parcel list that can undergo foreclosure, rehabilitation, and resale as affordable housing. This is a unique opportunity to partner with the newly formed land bank to leverage federal funds.

The following paragraphs indicate resources from private, state, and local sources that can reasonably be expected to be available to the Consortium in 2015 that would address the needs identified in the Action Plan:

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF THIS SECTION SEE AD-25 (ADMINISTRATION), IN ATTACHMENTS: GRANTEE UNIQUE APPENDICES.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

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Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration CD-5.1	2015	2019	Administration			CDBG: \$537,059 HOME: \$59,173 ESG: \$16,135	
2	Public Service CD-3.2	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$45,177	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
3	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.1	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CITY OF LACKAWANNA	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$71,250 HOME: \$64,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
4	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.11	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Depew - Main St Area	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$28,500 HOME: \$32,250	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit
5	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.12	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$42,750 HOME: \$32,250	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.2	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CITY OF LACKAWANNA	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$118,286	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
7	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.3	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CITY OF LACKAWANNA Depew - Main St Area	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$19,714	Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
8	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.4	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$28,500	Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit
9	Rural Housing H-2.1	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Rural Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$94,000 HOME: \$64,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
10	Rural Housing H-2.2	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Rural Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$28,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
11	Housing Development H-3.1	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$386,764 HOME: \$70,550	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 28 Household Housing Unit
12	Housing Development H-3.2	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$42,670 HOME: \$32,250	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Housing Development H-3.3	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$32,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
14	Special Purpose Housing H-4.1	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Special Purpose Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$175,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 11 Household Housing Unit
15	Special Purpose Housing H-4.2	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Special Purpose Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$5,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
16	Affordable Housing H-5.2	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	HOME: \$6,500	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted
17	Affordable Housing H-5.3	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	HOME: \$88,760	Rental units constructed: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
18	Affordable Housing H-5.4	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	HOME: \$75,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
19	Business Development ED-4.1	2015	2019	Economic Development		Business Development	CDBG: \$54,161	Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted
20	Infrastructure development CD-1.1	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Infrastructure (Community Development)	CDBG: \$100,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1090 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
21	Infrastructure development CD-1.2	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Infrastructure (Community Development)	CDBG: \$366,450	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1975 Persons Assisted
22	Infrastructure development CD-1.3	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Infrastructure (Community Development)	CDBG: \$200,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3680 Persons Assisted
23	Public Facilities CD-2.1	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$84,650	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2168 Persons Assisted
24	Public Facilities CD-2.3	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Infrastructure (Community Development)	CDBG: \$325,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6195 Persons Assisted
25	Public Service CD-3.1	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$320,352	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1691 Persons Assisted
26	Remove Slum/Blight SB-1.1	2015	2019	Clearance and Demolition		Slum/Blight	CDBG: \$89,000	Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings
27	Homeless Needs ESG-1.1	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Assistance	ESG: \$41,275	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 35 Households Assisted
28	Homeless Needs ESG-1.2	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Assistance	ESG: \$90,010	Homelessness Prevention: 40 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
29	Homeless Needs ESG-1.3	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Assistance	ESG: \$17,689	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 12 Households Assisted
30	Homeless Needs ESG-1.4	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Assistance	ESG: \$39,034	Homelessness Prevention: 40 Persons Assisted
31	Homeless Needs ESG-1.5	2015	2019	Homeless		Homeless Assistance	ESG: \$10,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 35 Households Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration CD-5.1
	Goal Description	Administrative costs associated with the management of the CDBG, HOME and ESG grants.
2	Goal Name	Public Service CD-3.2
	Goal Description	Fair Housing Services.
3	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.1
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in C. of Lackawanna target area.

4	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.11
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in the V. of Depew target area.
5	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.12
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in the T. of Evans target area.
6	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.2
	Goal Description	Housing rehab of rental units in C. of Lackawanna and V. of Depew target areas.
7	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.3
	Goal Description	Housing rehab of rental units in target areas for minority households.
8	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.4
	Goal Description	Housing rehab of rental units consortium wide.
9	Goal Name	Rural Housing H-2.1
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in rural areas of the consortium.
10	Goal Name	Rural Housing H-2.2
	Goal Description	Housing rehab of mobile homes in rural areas of the consotium.
11	Goal Name	Housing Development H-3.1
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in developed areas of the consortium with CDBG funds. In addition, 5 units will be completed in the Town of Hamburg with HOME funds.

12	Goal Name	Housing Development H-3.2
	Goal Description	Housing rehab in developed areas of the consortium for minority households.
13	Goal Name	Housing Development H-3.3
	Goal Description	Housing rehab of mobile homes in developed areas of the consortium.
14	Goal Name	Special Purpose Housing H-4.1
	Goal Description	Housing rehab for emergency repairs.
15	Goal Name	Special Purpose Housing H-4.2
	Goal Description	Housing rehab for handicapped accessibility repairs
16	Goal Name	Affordable Housing H-5.2
	Goal Description	Downpayment assistance funds for acquisition/rehab and re-sell program. 2 units of 3 will be for minority households.
17	Goal Name	Affordable Housing H-5.3
	Goal Description	Provide financial resources to Community Housing Development Corporations (CHDO's) that seek to develop rental and owner occupied housing for the low income population.
18	Goal Name	Affordable Housing H-5.4
	Goal Description	Provide financial resources to non-profit groups that seek to develop rental housing for the low income population.
19	Goal Name	Business Development ED-4.1
	Goal Description	Micro-loan fund for income eligible small businesses.

20	Goal Name	Infrastructure development CD-1.1
	Goal Description	Water/sewer replacement project in the City of Tonawanda.
21	Goal Name	Infrastructure development CD-1.2
	Goal Description	Sidewalk replacement/installation projects in the Villages of Depew, Akron and North Collins and the Town of Clarence.
22	Goal Name	Infrastructure development CD-1.3
	Goal Description	Road reconstruction and re-paving projects in the City of Lackawanna and Town of West Seneca.
23	Goal Name	Public Facilities CD-2.1
	Goal Description	Neighborhood building improvements for ADA renovations in the Town of Brant and renovations to building in low/mod area in the Village of Gowanda.
24	Goal Name	Public Facilities CD-2.3
	Goal Description	Smart growth project in the City of Tonawanda near central business district.
25	Goal Name	Public Service CD-3.1
	Goal Description	Transportation services for the Rural Transit Service program and a new senior use van in the Town of Lancaster.
26	Goal Name	Remove Slum/Blight SB-1.1
	Goal Description	Demolition of former Nike Base building in the Town of Grand Island. Building in blighted condition.

27	Goal Name	Homeless Needs ESG-1.1
	Goal Description	Rapid Re-housing Rental Assistance provides financial assistance to homeless individuals through rental assistance, security deposits and utility payment assistance.
28	Goal Name	Homeless Needs ESG-1.2
	Goal Description	Rapid Re-housing Relocation and Stabilization services provides financial services to homeless individuals through housing search, counseling and legal aid assistance.
29	Goal Name	Homeless Needs ESG-1.3
	Goal Description	Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance provides financial assistance to homeless individuals through rental assistance, security deposits and utility payment assistance.
30	Goal Name	Homeless Needs ESG-1.4
	Goal Description	Homeless Prevention Relocation and Stabilization Assistance provides services to homeless individuals through housing search, counseling and legal aid assistance.
31	Goal Name	Homeless Needs ESG-1.5
	Goal Description	HMIS Data Collection services used to document assistance to the homeless community.

Table 3 – Goal Descriptions

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following project information for FY 2015 provides a comprehensive overview on the ranges of CDBG, HOME, and ESG activities.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG16- Program Administration
2	HOME16 - Program Administration
3	HESG16- Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention/Data Collection
4	H16- Fair Housing- Housing Opportunities Made Equal
5	H16- Fair Housing- Belmont Shelter Corporation
6	H16- CDBG Housing Rehab
7	H16- CDBG- West Seneca Housing Rehab
8	H16- HOME- Housing rehab
9	H16- HOME- West Seneca Housing rehab
10	H16- HOME- CHDO Projects
11	H16- HOME- Town of Hamburg Rehab
12	H16- HOME- First Time Homebuyer Program
13	H16- HOME- Rental Housing Program
14	H16- CDBG- Rental Rehab Program
15	H16- CDBG- Emergency Rehab Program
16	H16- CDBG- Mobile Home Program
17	ED16- Micro Enterprise Loan Program
18	ED16- Smart Growth Initiative- C. of Tonawanda
19	ED16- C. Tonawanda- Sanitary Sewer Re-line
20	ED16- T. Grand Island- Former Nike Base Demolition
21	ED16- V. Gowanda- Hollywood Theater Restoration
22	CP16- Rural Transit Service
23	CP16- C. Lackawanna- Center Street Road Improvements
24	CP16- T. West Seneca- Road Improvements
25	CP16- T. Brant- Community Center ADA Improvements
26	CP16- T. Lancaster- Senior Van Acquisition
27	CP16- V. Depew- Sidewalk Replacement
28	CP16- V. Akron- Sidewalk and Curb Replacement
29	CP16- T. Clarence- Main Street Sidewalk Installation
30	CP16- V. of North Collins- Sidewalk Replacement

Table 3 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The service area for the Erie County/CDBG Consortium includes a total of 34 municipalities (population of approximately 312,000) which includes all of Erie County with the exception of the City of Buffalo and Towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Tonawanda and Hamburg for the CDBG program. Hamburg, with a total population of approximately 56,000, is a member of the HOME consortium not the CDBG consortium. There is one census tract in the consortium that has a high minority population. It is located in the first ward neighborhood of the City of Lackawanna. The City of Lackawanna along with the City of Tonawanda also have the highest low-to moderate income populations within the consortium. There are a total of 55 income eligible block groups in the Consortium. There are eleven communities that do not contain any census eligible areas. Priority for funding projects is given to those low-income concentrated areas. These neighborhoods included for housing rehabilitation priority in the Action Plan are the City of Lackawanna First Ward, Town of Evans – Lake Erie Beach, and the Village of Depew – Main Street area. Funding limitations hinder the ability to fund more community development and economic development projects. The housing program has the obstacle of such a large geographic area served, which makes targeting funds and showing major progress in a specific area difficult. This was the reason for increased housing rehabilitation targeting of funds in the noted areas.

Each of the target areas was the subject of a detailed neighborhood/housing analysis. The documents clearly reported housing conditions and outlined a strategy for alleviating poor quality of life factors that permeate throughout the neighborhoods. Information gleaned from the following reports provided the rationale for assigning priority status to applicants seeking housing assistance within the target areas.

a) Lake Erie Beach – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy – Town of Evans, New York, prepared by Peter J. Smith & Company, Inc., 2010.

b) Analysis of the Housing Needs of the First Ward of the City of Lackawanna – New York State Rural Housing Coalition, Inc., 4/27/2007.

c) Main Street Revitalization Plan for the Village of Depew, New York – prepared by Center for Urban Studies, School of Architecture and Planning, State University of New York at Buffalo, May, 2005.

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2016 YEAR - CONSOLIDATED BUDGET											
Project #	PROGRAMMED PROJECTS	HOME	ADM	Emergency Solutions	COMM PROJ	EC DEV	HOUSING	Future	Pr Funds	Other Funds	Total
1	ADM16- Program - Administration		\$537,059.00								\$ 537,059.00
2	HOME16 - Administration	\$ 59,173.00									\$ 59,173.00
3	ESG16 - Administration			\$ 16,135.00							\$ 16,135.00
4	H16 - Fair Housing- Housing Opportunities Made Equal						\$ 26,400.00				\$ 26,400.00
5	H16 - Housing Support Services - Housing Counseling - Belmont Shelter Corp.						\$ 18,777.00				\$ 18,777.00
6	H16 - CD Consortium Rehab Program - Targeted, Developing, Rural						\$ 230,592.00	\$ 219,539.00			\$ 450,131.00
7	H16 - West Seneca Housing Rehab Loan Program						\$ 49,171.00	\$ 41,565.00			\$ 90,736.00
8	HOME16 - Housing Rehab - Consortium	\$ 217,072.00						\$205,888.00			\$ 422,960.00
9	HOME16 - West Seneca Homeowner Rehab	\$ 69,490.00						\$ 16,596.00			\$ 86,086.00
10	HOME16 - CHDO Projects	\$ 88,760.00									\$ 88,760.00
11	HOME16 - Hamburg - Homeowner Rehab	\$ 75,742.00									\$ 75,742.00
12	HOME16- First Time Homebuyer Program	\$ 6,500.00									\$ 6,500.00
13	HOME16- Rental Housing Program	\$ 75,000.00									\$ 75,000.00
14	H16 - Rental Rehab Program						\$ 138,000.00				\$ 138,000.00
15	H16 - Emergency Rehab Program						\$ 175,000.00				\$ 175,000.00
16	H16 - Mobile Home Repair Program						\$ 56,000.00				\$ 56,000.00
17	ED16 - Micro-Enterprise Loan Program							\$54,161.00			\$ 54,161.00
18	ED16- Smart Growth Initiative- C. Tonawanda- Business District Infrastructure Improvements					\$330,250.00		\$ 11,000.00			\$ 341,250.00
19	ED16- C. Tonawanda- Sanitary Sewer Re-lining					\$105,000.00				\$ 35,575.00	\$ 140,575.00
20	ED16 - T. Grand Island- Nike Base Demolition					\$ 93,450.00				\$ -	\$ 93,450.00
21	ED16- V. Gowanda- Hollywood Theater Impr.					\$ 69,195.00				\$ 65,915.00	\$ 135,110.00
22	CP16 - Rural Transit Service				\$ 283,500.00					\$ 483,963.00	\$ 767,463.00
23	CP16- C. Lackawanna- Center Street Road Impr.				\$ 105,000.00					\$ 130,695.00	\$ 235,695.00

2016 YEAR - CONSOLIDATED BUDGET											
Project #	PROGRAMMED PROJECTS	HOME	ADM	Emergency	COMM PROJ	EC DEV	HOUSING	Future	Pr Funds	Other Funds	Total

				Solutions							
24	CP16- T. West Seneca- Birchwood, N. Covington, Burch and Grace Streets Road Impr.				\$ 10,386.00				\$ 94,614.00	\$ 33,772.00	\$ 138,772.00
25	CP16- T. Brant-Community Center ADA Impr.				\$ 19,687.00					\$ 6,250.00	\$ 25,937.00
26	CP16- T. Lancaster- Senior Van Acquisition				\$ 53,058.00					\$ 2,651.00	\$ 55,709.00
27	CP16- V. Depew- Sidewalk Replacement				\$ 105,000.00					\$ 78,341.00	\$ 183,341.00
28	CP16- V. Akron- Hoag Ave. Sidewalk Impr.				\$ 69,772.00					\$ 66,450.00	\$ 136,222.00
29	CP16- T. Clarence- Main St. Sidewalk Installation				\$ 105,000.00					\$ 54,941.00	\$ 159,941.00
30	CP16- V. North Collins- Sidewalk Replacement				\$ 105,000.00					\$ 25,000.00	
3	ESG16- Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance			\$ 41,275.00						\$ 55,085.00	\$ 96,360.00
3	ESG16- Rapid Re-Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services			\$ 91,010.00						\$ 31,078.00	\$ 122,088.00
3	ESG16- Homelessness Prevention- Rental Assistance			\$ 17,689.00						\$ 36,722.00	\$ 54,411.00
3	ESG16- Homelessness Prevention- Housing Relocation/Stabilization			\$ 39,034.00						\$ 20,720.00	\$ 59,754.00
3	ESG16- HMIS Data Collection			\$ 10,000.00						\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	TOTAL	\$591,737.00	\$537,059.00	\$215,143.00	\$ 856,403.00	\$597,895.00	\$ 693,940.00	\$ 548,749.00	\$ 94,614.00	\$ 1,137,158.00	\$ 5,142,698.00
			\$ 0.20		\$ 0.32	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.26				
											\$ 5,272,698.00
			\$ 2,685,297.00								
			\$ 2,685,297.00								
			\$ -								
	UNPROGRAMMED PROJECTS										
	CP16- C. Lackawanna- Center Street Sidewalk/Curb Replacement				\$105,000.00					\$ 146,340.00	\$ 251,340.00
	CP16- V. Angola- Mill/Locust Waterline Repl.				\$ 94,500.00					\$ -	\$ 94,500.00
	CP16- V. Orchard Park- ADA Curb Impr.				\$ 90,523.00					\$ 4,537.00	\$ 95,060.00
	CP16- V. Depew- Sanitary Sewer Re-lining				\$ 105,000					\$ 65,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
	CP16- V. Angola- Lorain St. Waterline Repl.				\$ 105,000					\$ 61,000.00	\$ 166,000.00
	CP16- T. Evans- S. Creek Pool ADA Impr.				\$ 105,000					\$ 46,818.00	\$ 151,818.00

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 4 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG16- Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration CD-5.1
	Needs Addressed	Planning/Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$537,059
	Description	Program administrative costs associated with the management of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	HOME16 - Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration CD-5.1
	Needs Addressed	Planning/Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$59,173
	Description	Program administrative costs associated with the management of the HOME program.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	HESG16- Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention/Data Collection
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration CD-5.1 Homeless Needs ESG-1.1 Homeless Needs ESG-1.2 Homeless Needs ESG-1.3 Homeless Needs ESG-1.4 Homeless Needs ESG-1.5
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	ESG: \$215,143
	Description	Emergency Shelter Grant provides funding to the Belmont Shelter Corporation, Catholic Charities and the Homeless Alliance of Western New York for rapid re-housing, relocation stabilization, data collection and administrative services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	H16- Fair Housing- Housing Opportunities Made Equal
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Public Service CD-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,400
	Description	Fair housing services for low income residents of the consortium.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	H16- Fair Housing- Belmont Shelter Corporation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service CD-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,777
	Description	Fair housing counseling services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	H16- CDBG Housing Rehab

	Target Area	CITY OF LACKAWANNA Lake Erie Beach- T. Evans Depew - Main St Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.1 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.11 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.12 Rural Housing H-2.1 Housing Development H-3.1 Housing Development H-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Rural Housing Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$450,131
	Description	Housing rehab for low income owner occupants.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
7	Project Name	H16- CDBG- West Seneca Housing Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Development H-3.1 Housing Development H-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$90,736
	Description	Housing rehab for low income owner occupants who line in the town of West Seneca.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	H16- HOME- Housing rehab
	Target Area	CITY OF LACKAWANNA Lake Erie Beach- T. Evans Depew - Main St Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.1 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.11 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.12 Rural Housing H-2.1 Housing Development H-3.1 Housing Development H-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Rural Housing Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$422,960
	Description	Housing rehab for low income owner occupants.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	H16- HOME- West Seneca Housing rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Development H-3.1 Housing Development H-3.2
	Needs Addressed	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$86,086
	Description	Housing rehab for low income owner occupants who live in the Town of West Seneca.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	H16- HOME- CHDO Projects
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing H-5.3
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$88,760

	Description	Provide financial resources to Community Housing Development Corporations that seek to develop rental and owner-occupied housing for the low income population of the consortium.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	H16- HOME- Town of Hamburg Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Development H-3.1
	Needs Addressed	Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$75,742
	Description	Housing rehab for low income owner occupants who live in the Town of Hamburg.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	H16- HOME- First Time Homebuyer Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing H-5.2
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

	Funding	HOME: \$6,500
	Description	Downpayment assistance for low income residents who qualify for acquisition/rehab and re-sell program.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	H16- HOME- Rental Housing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing H-5.4
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$75,000
	Description	Financial resources to non-profit groups that seek to develop rental housing for the low income population.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	H16- CDBG- Rental Rehab Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.2 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.3 Neighborhood Revitalization H-1.4

	Needs Addressed	Rural Housing Developed Area Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$138,000
	Description	Rehab of rental units for low income households.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	H16- CDBG- Emergency Rehab Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Special Purpose Housing H-4.1
	Needs Addressed	Special Purpose Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	Emergency housing rehab for low or moderate income owner occupants.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	H16- CDBG- Mobile Home Program

	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rural Housing H-2.2 Housing Development H-3.3
	Needs Addressed	Special Purpose Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$56,000
	Description	Financial assistance for mobile home repairs for very low income owners.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	ED16- Micro Enterprise Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Business Development ED-4.1
	Needs Addressed	Business Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,161
	Description	Micro-loan fund offering low interest rate loans for small businesses of five or fewer employees where owners are income eligible.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

18	Project Name	ED16- Smart Growth Initiative- C. of Tonawanda
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities CD-2.3
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$325,000
	Description	Project will involve improvements to the parking lot area adjacent to the City of Tonawanda's central business district.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	ED16- C. Tonawanda- Sanitary Sewer Re-line
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.1
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Sanitary sewer re-lining on Erie Road.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	ED16- T. Grand Island- Former Nike Base Demolition
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Remove Slum/Blight SB-1.1
	Needs Addressed	Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$89,000
	Description	Demolition of former Nike Base off Whitehaven Road.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	ED16- V. Gowanda- Hollywood Theater Restoration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities CD-2.1
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,900
	Description	Renovations to the Hollywood Theater in the central business district of the Village of Gowanda.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
22	Project Name	CP16- Rural Transit Service
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service CD-3.1
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$270,000
	Description	Funding for transportation services for the low income and elderly populations of 25 municipalities in the consortium.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
23	Project Name	CP16- C. Lackawanna- Center Street Road Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.3
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Re-paving and drainage improvements to Center Street.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
24	Project Name	CP16- T. West Seneca- Road Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.3
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Re-paving of Birchwood, N. Covington, Burch and Grace Streets.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
25	Project Name	CP16- T. Brant- Community Center ADA Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities CD-2.1
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,750
	Description	Handicapped accessibility renovations at the Brant Community Center.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
26	Project Name	CP16- T. Lancaster- Senior Van Acquisition
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service CD-3.1
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,352
	Description	Purchase of new 12 passenger senior van to transport seniors in the town of Lancaster.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
27	Project Name	CP16- V. Depew- Sidewalk Replacement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.2
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Replacement of existing deteriorated sidewalks on Bloomfield, Warsaw and Calumet Streets
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
28	Project Name	CP16- V. Akron- Sidewalk and Curb Replacement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.2
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$66,450
	Description	Replacement of existing and deteriorated sidewalks and curbs on Hoag Avenue.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
29	Project Name	CP16- T. Clarence- Main Street Sidewalk Installation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.2
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Installation of new sidewalks on Main Street between Connection and Thompson Roads.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
30	Project Name	CP16- V. of North Collins- Sidewalk Replacement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure development CD-1.2
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Replacement of existing and deteriorated sidewalks on Franklin, Kimble and Orchard Place.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Reference should be made to Maps 3, 4, 5 and 6 that are located in AP-05 "Executive Summary" section of the Action Plan in the introduction. These describe the geographic areas within Erie County in which assistance will be directed in 2016. The titles are noted below:

- a) Map 3: CDBG Neighborhood Target Areas within Erie County
- b) Map 4: CDBG Eligible Block Groups
- c) Map 5: CDBG Census Tracts with Substantial Minority Population
- d) Map 6: CDBG Census Tracts with Substantial Low Income Population

It is estimated that 20% of all HOME and CDBG funds will be directed toward the target areas in 2016. This includes 20% of housing rehab monies as well as one community project, and three economic development projects inclusive of a smart growth fund activity.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITY OF LACKAWANNA	
Lake Erie Beach- T. Evans	
Depew - Main St Area	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The service area for the Erie County/CDBG Consortium includes a total of 34 municipalities (population of approximately 312,000) which includes all of Erie County with the exception of the City of Buffalo and Towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Tonawanda and Hamburg for the CDBG program. Hamburg, with a total population of approximately 56,000, is a member of the HOME consortium not the CDBG consortium. There is one census tract in the consortium that has a high minority population. It is located in the first ward neighborhood of the City of Lackawanna. The City of Lackawanna along with the City of Tonawanda also have

the highest low-to moderate income populations within the consortium. There are a total of 55 income eligible block groups in the Consortium. There are eleven communities that do not contain any census eligible areas. Priority for funding projects is given to those low-income concentrated areas. These neighborhoods included for housing rehabilitation priority in the Action Plan are the City of Lackawanna First Ward, Town of Evans – Lake Erie Beach, and the Village of Depew – Main Street area. Funding limitations hinder the ability to fund more community development and economic development projects. The housing program has the obstacle of such a large geographic area served, which makes targeting funds and showing major progress in a specific area difficult. This was the reason for increased housing rehabilitation targeting of funds in the noted areas.

Each of the target areas was the subject of a detailed neighborhood/housing analysis. The documents clearly reported housing conditions and outlined a strategy for alleviating poor quality of life factors that permeate throughout the neighborhoods. Information gleaned from the following reports provided the rationale for assigning priority status to applicants seeking housing assistance within the target areas.

- a) Lake Erie Beach – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy – Town of Evans, New York, prepared by Peter J. Smith & Company, Inc., 2010.
- b) Analysis of the Housing Needs of the First Ward of the City of Lackawanna – New York State Rural Housing Coalition, Inc., 4/27/2007.
- c) Main Street Revitalization Plan for the Village of Depew, New York – prepared by Center for Urban Studies, School of Architecture and Planning, State University of New York at Buffalo, May, 2005.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Consortium will use HOME funds, ESG funds and a portion of CDBG funds for affordable housing. The HOME and CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate existing housing units and the ESG funds will be allocated to rental assistance for the homeless and households at risk of homelessness. Low Income Housing Tax Credits will be used for rental housing, both new and rehab of existing units. The special-needs population will be served through the rehabilitation of existing structures for rental housing. Rental assistance will also be available through HUD Section 8 Vouchers which are administered by Belmont Housing Resources of Western New York.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	200
Non-Homeless	92
Special-Needs	230
Total	522

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	30
The Production of New Units	31
Rehab of Existing Units	92
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	155

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Note that the “rental assistance” figure above reflects the annual goal for homeless persons participating in the Rapid Rehousing Prevention and Stabilization Program.

There is a great need for affordable housing in the Consortium communities. The following financial assistance will be available to low income households in the Consortium:

- Zero interest deferred loans to home owners to rehabilitate their homes.
- \$5,000 grant to mobile owners to rehabilitate their mobile home.
- Grant to individuals with a disability that need alterations to their structures to make it accessible.

Financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate rental property for low income households

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are two public housing authorities within the Erie County Consortium; the Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority (LMHA) and the Tonawanda Housing Authority (THA). The LMHA operates three federally-funded housing developments in the City of Lackawanna. The developments have a total of 490 units: 396 for families and 94 for senior citizens. There are a total of 264 units within the THA; 214 for families and 50 for senior citizens. It is important to note that the THA is state-funded rather than federally funded.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority (LMHA) houses both an Educational Resource Center and a Wellness Center on site, however; due to budget constraints and lack of stable funding, they are currently unable to staff the facilities. They will continue to explore new funding sources with a goal of re-staffing the facilities at some point in the future.

Due to budget constraints, the LMHA is only anticipating a \$40,000 investment in a parking lot for the 2016 calendar year. It should be noted, though, that the LMHA continues to do minor kitchen updates throughout the complexes on an annual basis through its capital needs budget. This equates to approximately 5-10 units per year receiving updated kitchens.

There are no improvement projects anticipated for the Tonawanda Housing Authority in the coming year, due to lack of state funding.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Within the LMHA, the interests of tenants in management are met through two tenant members who sit on the Authority Board, as well as through one active tenant council within the Glover Gardens complex. In 2015, 47 new rent-to-own units were constructed by the Lackawanna Housing Development Corporation and their federal housing tax credit project in the First Ward provides Authority tenants with improved options. Currently, seven (7) Authority families occupy these new rent-to-own homes and benefit from the on-site amenities. Because the Tonawanda Housing Authority is state-funded, it is not required to have a tenant selection council or tenant representation on the Authority Board. Communications with tenants are handled primarily through written correspondence.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

The two public housing authorities within the consortium continue to be at full rent up with sizable wait lists. As of the writing of this plan, the LMHA had greater than 100 applications on a wait list. Recent modernization improvements in both Authorities have helped to address physical plant deterioration, however; modernization improvements will continue to be important issues for both PHA's to keep up with in coming years due to the age of the structures

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The County, working with its' Department of Social Services, provides services to individuals and families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Case managers/Examiners in the Homeless Unit are dedicated to assisting homeless persons get into permanent housing as part of the Department emergency services. The case managers assess the individual or family needs and develop an independent living plan that includes housing and other supportive housing services required by homeless individuals and families to live independently, within the guidelines and requirements of NYS Regulation and Law.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Erie County Department of Social Services will continue to support programs that help homeless persons including the chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families and unaccompanied youth. The programs include the Emergency Assistance to Adults, Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children and Emergency Safety Net Assistance. The programs provide financial assistance for shelter arrears, security agreements, water shutoff restore, heating equipment repair and replacement, home repairs, moving expenses and storage cost for furniture and personal belongings. These services will help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To address the needs of homeless persons needing emergency shelter and transitional housing the County will continue to provide emergency shelter that serve homeless persons in Erie County. The Erie County Department of Social Services shall continue to provide assistance to clients through organizations that operate emergency shelters and transitional housing through shelter allowances for the homeless clients.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were

recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The County will continue to use federal funds received under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for a Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention Program. The Program prevents individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless from becoming homeless and shorten the shelter stay for individuals and families that are homeless. The Program provides relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. These services help homeless individuals and families make the transition from living in a shelter to permanent affordable housing. In order to stabilize program participants and prevent program participants from becoming homeless again, program participants are required to work with a case worker while receiving program services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The County works with publicly funded institutions and systems of care such as healthcare facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities and corrections programs and institutions to insure that low-income individuals and families being discharged have housing and services required to avoid homelessness. If discharged services, including housing, is not provided by the publicly funded institution, the County shall, as needed, provide assistance with housing relocation, stabilization services and rental assistance to eligible individuals and families in order to prevent the individuals or families from becoming homeless.

Discussion

The Erie County Department of Mental Health Single Point of Access and Accountability (SPOA) for Housing has continued to coordinate services with various housing service providers in Western New York. This collaboration results in over 1800 slots of housing for the Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill in Erie County.

In July of 2014, Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers was awarded 36 beds of Supportive Housing for the NYS Office of Mental Health. These beds are part of the Regional Centers of Excellence initiative by OMH. The purpose of these beds is to move individuals directly from acute inpatient psychiatric hospitals into the community. Eight percent (80%) of these beds are dedicated to discharges from State Psychiatric Hospitals and twenty percent (20%) from Community Hospitals. To date, 16 individuals have been referred to this initiative.

The ECDMH housing SPOA continues to coordinate services with a housing project administered through New York State Office of Mental Health, the Buffalo Psychiatric Center (BPC), and Housing Options Made Easy. This initiative is focused on the discharge of individuals hospitalized in the BPC for greater than 6 months. The process involves multiple levels of housing designed to meet specific needs for individuals with challenging housing issues. More than 110 individuals have been housed in permanent housing of their choice as a result of this coordination of services. Monthly meetings with OMH field office and the stated related parties has allowed for a continued unprecedented amount of communication and planning as this initiative continues to evolve. Community housing providers have shown a great deal of willingness to partner, allowing access to the entire housing continuum in the Housing SPOA. The success of this process in meeting the varied needs of this long stay population has been demonstrated in the very low frequency rate of recidivism back into acute BPC clinical care.

In addition to the very successful initiatives, the Department continues to receive nearly \$5 million of HUD McKinney-Vento funding for the homeless mentally ill. In conjunction with Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., the Continuum will have 32 more beds for the chronically homeless in mid-2015.

Erie County Seniors Priorities- Strengthen the NY Connects Program and achieve the goal of New York's State Balancing Incentive Program waiver to make NY Connects the "go-to resource" for community long term care assistance.

Conduct a community needs assessment to help form the Department's 2016-2020 Four Year Plan.

Further Erie County's efforts to be an AARP "Age-Friendly Community"

Improve ability to serve hard to reach populations including those living in rural communities in Erie County and those with limited English proficiency, by expanding consumer directed home care services.

Support the work of the NYS Office for Aging and Department of Health on the restructuring of long term for elderly.

Continue support for Social Adult Day Care, providing care for frail and impaired older adults in a supervised setting while also serving as a respite program for their care givers.

Continue "Home Safety Assessment" and "Alzheimer's Proofing Your Home", free, confidential, customized in-home assessments for caregivers of memory-impaired individuals, offering suggestions for home modification and personal safety.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The County continues to deal with the issue of providing affordable housing for low and very low income households in the consortium communities. Barriers to making housing affordable include public policies, reduction in funding resources and transportation

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The Erie County Consortium through the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning collaborated with the Towns of Amherst, Tonawanda, Cheektowaga and Hamburg to finalize a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice document. With the goal of strengthening fair housing enforcement activities throughout Erie County. The county will work to adopt a fair housing law in 2016.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Contingency Provision – It should be noted that any increase or decrease in funding to match actual allocation amounts will be applied to one or more specific activities indicated below.

a) CDBG Program

(1) Increase:

- Twenty percent of any increase will be applied to planning and administration.
- The balance will be applied to the Unprogrammed community projects listed in the order shown below:

- 1) C. Lackawanna – \$100,000- Center Street road re-paving and drainage improvements..
- 2) V. Angola – \$90,000- Mill Street waterline replacement.
- 3) V. Orchard Park – \$86,213- ADA improvements to Buffalo Street including new curbing and striping for handicapped parking.
- 4) V. Depew – \$100,000- Sanitary Sewer Re-lining on Cloyes, Bryant and Miller Streets.
- 5) V. Angola- \$100,000– Lorain Street waterline replacement.
- 6) T. Evans- \$100,000- South Creek Pool community center ADA improvements

(2) Decrease:

- Twenty percent of any decrease will be applied to the planning and administration project.
- The balance of any decrease will be applied to the CD Consortium Housing Rehab Program – Targeted, Developing, Rural.

b) HOME Investment Partnership

(1) Increase:

- Ten percent of any increase will be applied to the HOME Administration project.
- Fifteen percent will be applied to the Community Housing Development Opportunity set aside.
- The balance will be applied to the HOME Housing Rehab Consortium project.

(2) Decrease:

- Ten percent will be applied to the HOME Administration project.
- Fifteen percent will be applied to the Community Housing Development Opportunity set aside.
- The balance will be applied to the HOME Housing Rehab Consortium project.

c) Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

(1) Increase:

- 7.5 percent will be applied to the ESG Administration project.
- The balance will be applied to each remaining ESG project listed in section AP-35 of the Erie County Action Plan, with the increase for each reflecting the same percentage of the overall ESG allocation.

(2) Decrease:

- 7.5 percent will be applied to the ESG Administration project.
- The balance will be applied to each remaining ESG project listed in section AP-35 of the Erie County Action Plan, with the decrease for each reflecting the same percentage of the overall ESG allocation.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

1. The 5 year strategic plan clearly notes the need for additional rental housing for low and moderate income households within the consortium. In response to this need and the current barrier of adequate funding to construct such units, the Action Plan includes a new project for HOME Rental Housing. The remaining \$75,000 set aside is intended to leverage additional state and federal resources which will be combined to provide the necessary monies for developing needed rental units that are affordable to area residents. The "Initiatives for a Stronger Community" *document* is a health and human services action plan for Erie County government based on the idea that it is unacceptable for a newly revitalized Western New York to leave behind significant portions of our community when we can effect positive change in their lives. As such, the plan outlines specific measures that Erie County government will undertake to improve the quality of life for residents in need.
3. The "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice" study will be completed in early 2016 and will serve as the basis for fair housing planning in Erie County.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

1. The Erie County Housing Policy and Procedures Manual will be updated in the 2016 program year. Key changes will include changing the HOME Maximum Per Unit Subsidy and changing the Mobile Home Promissory Note by eliminating unnecessary signature lines. As noted above Erie county will continue a HOME Rental Housing project in 2016 with a set aside of \$75,000. These funds will leverage additional federal and state funds for the purpose of fostering more affordable housing targeted toward those seeking rental units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Programs established by the County to address the issue of lead-based paint are administered primarily through the County Department of Health and also through the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP). The various programs focus on education, screening for lead in children, addressing cases of elevated blood levels, inspection, removal of lead-based paint within households, and clearance of potential lead hazards.

The Department of Health educates the public on the hazards of lead-based paint primarily through community outreach via local meetings and larger, county-wide events. Information is also distributed by the County to schools and libraries. The Department of Environment and Planning continues to educate homeowners of the hazards of lead-based paint through the Department's Housing Rehabilitation Program. All housing cases include a visual assessment for lead-based paint hazards if the house was built prior to 1978; peeling, cracking, chipping or flaking paint are documented if present. If the home fails a visual assessment, it must be abated and cleared by certified lead paint firm. Financial assistance is also provided to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners pay for the removal of lead-based paint. A contract is in place with Stohl Environmental Services to perform lead-based paint risk assessments and clearance tests on houses seeking rehab assistance.

Programs carried out by the Erie County Department of Health include:

- A. The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) will continue to implement the **LEADSAFE Erie County Program** which covers a three year grant cycle (2014-2017) and is funded by HUD. The program provides lead hazard identification and contracted labor and supplies to remediate and control lead hazards at eligible properties. The program is available to income-eligible property owners, qualifying

families and home-based daycares.

B. Also, the ECDOH continues to operate the **Erie County Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (LPPP)** and the **Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)**. Both of these programs operate with state funding.

The **LPPP**'s main goal is to prevent children in high risk targeted areas (primarily the City of Buffalo) which have been designated as "Communities of Concern".

CLPPP is a state-funded and mandated program wherein the ECDOH is required to respond to all cases of children with elevated blood lead levels. It also addresses the potential for lead exposure by conducting investigations and providing information to parents and guardians of children under the age of eighteen.

C. The Erie County Health Department will also continue to administer the **Healthy Neighborhoods Program** which has been in place for over twenty years with NYS grant funding. The goal of the program is to provide residents of the City of Buffalo with assistance to make their homes free of environmental health and safety hazards by conducting door-to-door surveys and "sweeps" of designated high-risk neighborhoods.

D. The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo recently did a re-launch of its **Wipe Out Lead Campaign**. Specifically, they targeted billboards, bus shelters, and interior ad cards to raise lead awareness and also to promote a texting campaign for more information. The county health department helped to fund this recent ad blitz.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

As identified in the Initiatives for a Stronger Community plan, Erie County will increase financial security and reduce poverty by supporting access to affordable housing. The following actions are being employed to reduce the number of poverty-level families in Erie County:

RENTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM: ECDEP will double the set aside within the CDBG Budget in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for the Rental Rehab Program to approximately \$300,000 annually. This may increase the number of rental units assisted during the three year period to approximately 96 total units.

RENTAL HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Approximately \$100,000 in HOME funds will be set aside in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Although seemingly small, these dollars serve as a source of local matching money and help to leverage millions more. Nonprofit developers will use this money when applying for state and federal affordable housing dollars, making their projects more competitive. Priority will be given to family rental housing.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING LAW: In 2016 the ECDEP and Department of Law will analyze the merits of enacting a new Countywide Fair Housing Law. Housing discrimination due to many factors ranging from lawful source of income to family type would be important components of the law. Access to fair housing opportunities is a critical need for families struggling to eliminate all constraints to their financial security.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

1. The 2016 Program Year will mark the second year of a new 3 year cycle wherein all 37 members of the HOME consortium have an approved three year renewable agreement with Erie County.
2. The continued reasonableness of the existing percentage allocation formula for distribution of CDBG funds among housing, community revitalization, and economic development will be reviewed as the 2016 program year progresses.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

1. Erie County will expand the current CDBG Coordinating Committee to insure better representation by social service agencies. An evaluation of the Housing Working Group formed as part of the One Region Forward initiative will occur. This membership roster will provide a useful resource for additional representation on the coordinating committee from public and private housing groups.
2. Erie County is preparing a comprehensive blueprint for carrying out human service programs. The CDBG grant and resources available through it will be incorporated into the document. This will aid in ongoing coordination between CDBG and DSS activities.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The CDBG Program will continue to generally utilize the fund distribution policy established by the Consortium in prior years (i.e. 27% Community Revitalization, 27% Housing, and 27% Economic Development. HOME Funds will be used for Homeowner Rehab and very minimal Homebuyer programs. Emergency Shelter activities will remain focused on rapid rehousing and homeless prevention efforts.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	96.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Erie County will use HOME funds as specified in section 92.205. This primarily includes grants, and non-interest bearing loans. No other forms of HOME investment will be utilized in 2015 Program Year.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

See attached HOME Recapture Guidelines below (attached).

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Reference should be made to the HOME fund recapture policy noted in the response to AP90(2) above.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

HOME funds will not be used to refinance existing loans, thus this Section is not applicable to the Erie County Action Plan. **Describe eligible applicants (e.g., categories of eligible applicants), your process for soliciting and funding applications or proposals (e.g., competition, first-come first-serve) and where detailed information may be obtained (e.g., application packages are available at the office of the jurisdiction or on the jurisdiction's Web site)**

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

See attached written standards for providing ESG assistance below.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Niagara and Erie County CoC is currently in the planning stages for the development of a coordinated Assessment system. We are targeting to launch the Coordinated Assessment in January of 2015. By then, all HUD funded agencies, including CoC and ESG, will be required to participate. Three committees have been meeting to discuss the coordinated assessment and the referral process- Access, Assessment and Assign. The common assessments for different population have been decided. The general process of referral has been determined. We are planning to form another committee- Accountability committee soon to finalize the plan.

Consensus was reached that access and coordination of homeless housing and services would greatly benefit from the development of a coordinated assessment system. The Erie County Department of Social Services is currently the largest point of entry into the homeless system and they are part of the planning of the coordinated assessment system. The coordinated assessment will be conducted in shelters and in street when outreach activities occur.

The system will use a common assessment tool across the entire CoC.

Bas-Net, the HMIS system used by the CoC will be the database utilized by Coordinated Assessment system.

Different common assessments will be used for individuals and families. We will be utilizing a local developed and tested form for individuals, especially those who are chronically homeless. For families, we will be using the VI-F-SPDAT that OrgCode developed and widely used across the country to determine eligibility for housing.

Currently the model we adapted is similar to the “No wrong door” approach. The next stage, if funding available, we will try to form an assessment team to go out to the community to access each homeless person’s needs.

The coordinated assessment tool shall be used to determine a potential program participant’s eligibility for assistance for Rapid Re-housing (RRH) or Homelessness Prevention (HP). The coordinated assessment tool is available in HMIS, and all ESG program staff will be trained in HMIS

and using the coordinated assessment tool or taking referral through HMIS.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The County allocates ESG funds it receives from HUD through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The ESG RFP is advertised in the legal notices section of a local newspaper and a minority-owned newspaper. Not for profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations that provide services to persons that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless are notified through direct mailing. The RFP includes the ESG Program's requirements and the County ESG Program's application. Agencies interested in receiving ESG funds from the County's allocation are invited to an information meeting that explains the Program requirements and the RFP process. Applications received by the County for ESG funds are reviewed by a committee comprised of staff from Erie County and the Homeless Alliance of Western New York as well as a homeless or a formerly homeless person. The committee ranks and makes recommendation to the County on which projects should be funded.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The County shall meet the homeless participation requirement for having a homeless or formerly homeless person participate in making policies and decisions regarding facilities or services that receive funding under ESG Program. The selection committee for allocating the County's ESG funds includes a formerly homeless Veteran. The committee duties include making policies and decisions regarding the funding of facilities and services that will be funded with the County's ESG funds.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The following performance standards for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Homeless Prevention (HP) were developed after meeting with Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie and Niagara County CoC:

- 80% or more of all participants remain stable in RRH/ HP or exit to a different permanent housing situation
- 54% or more of adult participants will have income from sources other than employment
- 56% or more of all participants have mainstream (non-cash) benefits at exit from program
- 20% or more of adult participants have employment income
- Less than 5% data error rate in HMIS

HOME- Recapture Guidelines

Recapture Requirements: In the event the homeowners transfer ownership of the residence within 5 or less years of the date the homeowner receives the Erie County HOME Assistance, Erie County and the homeowners shall share in the net proceeds from the sale.

Definitions:

HOME Assistance: HOME funds are invested in a HOME assisted unit, as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer. This includes down payment and closing cost assistance, and second mortgages that finance the difference between fair market value and the homebuyer's first mortgage.

Homeowner Investment in House: Homeowner share of required downpayment on the HOME assisted house and any major capital improvements done to the house that are documented by receipts.

Net Proceeds from Selling the House: This is sales price minus repayment of any non-HOME loan balance and closing costs financed by the homeowner.

HOME Recapture: Amount owed Erie County.

Formula:

Example: Mr. and Mrs. Smith purchased a house in February of 2005 using HOME monies through the Erie County First Time Home Buyer Program. The purchase price was \$50,000. Erie County provided a \$6,000 loan toward closing costs and principal reduction on the primary mortgage. The Smiths contributed \$500 toward the required downpayment, \$0 toward closing costs, and obtained a bank mortgage of \$48,000 for the house. The Smiths purchased 4 new windows for \$1,000 and retained receipts for said purchase.

After living in the house for 3 years, the Smiths sold their home for \$55,000. There was 2 years remaining on the County required 5-year affordability period, and a principal balance of \$47,000 on their primary bank mortgage.

The Smiths are required to repay Erie County the net proceeds from the sale as calculated below.

ESG- Standards- 1

A. Introduction

Erie County will continue to provide assistance to individuals and families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless through the use of Federal funds received by the County under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). In order to be consistent with the Buffalo/Erie County Continuum of Care (CoC), the County will target the ESG funds to providing permanent housing to individuals and families that meet HUD definition of homeless and to very low income families at risk of becoming homeless.

The Program will consist of both the Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention components of the ESG Program. Housing relocation and stabilization services, along with tenant-based rental assistance, will be available to program participants. The County will contract with not-for-profit agencies that serve the homeless population to implement the Program.

ESG- Standards-2

B. Evaluation of individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance

All program participants for the ESG Program must meet HUD definition for homelessness or at risk of homelessness. To determine eligibility for the Program all potential program participants shall be evaluated by intake staff or case managers using the Continuum Wide Common Assessment Tool. The staff shall determine the potential program participant's eligibility for assistance, type of assistance and duration of services. The staff at intake shall determine if the potential program participant qualifies for services under homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, or refer to another homeless provider for service. The common assessment form shall be completed within 72 hours of intake/case manager making contact with the potential program participants; Permanent housing placement will be made within 30 days of program admission; linkages to mainstream resources will be made within 30 days of program admission.

The following is the criteria the client must meet in order to be eligible for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance:

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

The program participants must show proof of residency in one of the Erie County HOME Consortium

communities.

Program participants must show proof of income. Total household income must be below 30 percent of the area median income.

All program participants must meet the following HUD criteria for defining at risk of homelessness for individuals or families, unaccompanied children, youth, or families with children and youths where youths are defined as up to age 25:

- Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - (I) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for ESG Program:
 - (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- Any individual or family who:
 - (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
 - (ii) Has no other residence; and
 - (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

ESG- Standards-3

RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The program participants must reside in a homeless shelter or hotel/ motel paid for by Erie County Department of Social Services or other locations that meet HUD definition for homeless. The County will give priority to homeless individuals and families that meet HUD homeless definition and reside in the Erie County CDBG Consortium but, since there are no publicly or privately operated shelters in the Erie County CDBG Consortium, the County will also recruit program participants from designated homeless shelters in Buffalo, New York.

- Individuals or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence,
 - (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
 - (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelter, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
 - (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
- Fleeing/Attempting to flee domestic violence and the individual or family meet the above requirements.

C. Coordinating Services

Coordination services among other providers

Subgrantee staff participating in the County ESG Program will be required to become familiar with other agencies that provide services under the Buffalo/Erie County Continuum of Care (CoC) and make referral when necessary. At intake staff will be required to use the CoC common assessment tool to record program participants personal data. The common assessment tool information will be recorded in the HMIS data base which can be shared with other agencies that are part of the ESG Program. Staff will use the HMIS to refer program participants to other agencies that provide homeless assistance services. Staff will also accept referral from other agencies that are part of the CoC.

The County will notify other homeless assistance providers of the services that will be available through the Erie County ESG Program. Subgrantees will be required to work directly with emergency shelter providers for referral for the Rapid Re-housing component of the Program. Staff will be on site at emergency shelters to interview potential program participants.

Mainstream Service and Housing Providers

The County, along with the Homeless Alliance of Western New York and subgrantees for the County ESG Program, will meet with other mainstream service and housing providers to coordinate and integrate to the maximum extent practicable ESG funded activities. The County does not want to use ESG funds to duplicate activities that are already funded by the County or other agencies. The subgrantees will be required to use the services of other mainstream service and housing providers

when providing assistance to clients.

ESG- Standards-4

D. Prioritizing Individuals and Families for Assistance

Based on the housing needs of the homeless in Erie County which is documented in the Buffalo/ Erie County Continuum of Care developed by the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, the County will target the following homeless sub-population:

- Families with children
- Victims of domestic violence
- Youth under the age of 25

Rapid Re-housing

The County, Homeless Alliance of WNY and service providers for the homeless developed a list of barriers to obtaining and retaining housing to prioritize individuals and families that will receive assistance under the Rapid Re-housing component of the County ESG Program. Potential participants must meet the homeless definition Categories 1 or 4, be from the target sub-population(s), and must have at least one economic barrier and at least two other barriers to obtaining housing and at least two barriers, other than economic, to retaining housing.

Homelessness Prevention

The County, Homeless Alliance of WNY and service providers for the homeless developed a list of barriers to obtaining housing and retaining housing in order to prioritize individuals and families the will receive assistance under the Homelessness Prevention component of the County ESG Program. Potential participants must meet Categories 2, 3, or 4 of HUD homelessness definition, must have an income less than 30% of the area median income, be from the target sub-population(s) and must have at least 3 other barriers to obtaining housing and at least 3 barriers (other than economic) to retaining housing.

Participant Share for Rent and Utilities Costs

There will not be a minimum on the amount the program participants will pay for rent and utilities costs. On entering the Program, staff will immediately start working with the program participants to obtain a source of income. Once the program participants start receiving an income, they will be required to pay 0% to 30% of the household income for rent and utilities costs. The case managers

will determine the percentage the household will pay based on other household expenses.

Starting the seventh month program participants will be required to pay 30% to 50% of the household income for rent and utilities cost. Case managers will evaluate program participants' household expenses monthly to determine the program participants housing cost share. Program participants will pay their share of the rent directly to the landlord.

ESG- Standards- 5

Duration of Assistance

The objective of the County ESG Program is to ensure program participants are stably housed before exiting the Program. Case managers will be required to develop a housing plan for each program participant on entering the Program. The housing plan will be tailored to the participant housing needs, but must address housing search, placement and sustainability. The case managers will reviewed the housing plans monthly with the program participants and update the plans as needed. When it is determined the program participant is stably housed, the case manager will exit the client from the program. No participants will receive assistance for more than 24 months during a three years period.

Housing Stabilization and/or Relocation Services

As part of the County ESG Program subgrantee case managers will be required to develop a housing plan for each program participant. The housing plan shall include the type and amount of housing stabilization and/or relocation services program participants will require in order to become stably housed. The services may include financial assistance costs, services costs, mediation, legal services and credit repair.

The services provided to program participants under financial will include short and medium term rental assistance, rental application fees, security deposits, last month rent, utility deposits, utility payments and moving costs. The duration of these services will be determined by the case managers based on the progress the program participant is making to become stably housed. The case managers will also determine how many times a program participant may receive assistance. The maximum number of months a program participant may receive financial assistance and/or services is 24 months during a 3 year period.

Discussion

HOME-Describe eligible applicants (e.g., categories of eligible applicants), your process for soliciting and funding applications or proposals (e.g., competition, first-come first-serve) and where detailed information may be obtained (e.g., application packages are available at the office of the jurisdiction or on the jurisdiction's Web site):

The County allocates HOME/CHDO funds it receives from HUD through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The HOME/CHDO RFPs are advertised in the legal notices section of a local newspaper and a minority-owned newspaper. Not for profit organizations, developers, and organizations that were previously approved or applied for HOME/CHDO are also notified of the availability of funds through direct mailing. RFPs include HUD's HOME/CHDO requirements and the County HOME/CHDO application for funding. Agencies and developers are invited to an information meeting that explains the Program requirements and the RFP process. Applications received by the County for HOME/CHDO funds are reviewed by a selection committee, consisting of a minimum of three individuals with representation from the County, private development and community-based organization. The committee makes recommendations to the County for funding. Project applications that are requesting CHDO set aside funds must first be designated as a CHDO by the County before application are reviewed for funding. If the application is selected for funding, the County must determine if the CHOD project meets HUD CHDO capacity requirement for the project before final funding can be approved for the project.

Attachments

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 6/31/2016

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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<p>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</p> <p>16-6002358</p>		<p>* c. Organizational DUNS:</p> <p>0714790590000</p>
<p>d. Address:</p>		
<p>* Street1: 95 Franklin Street</p>		
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<p>e. Organizational Unit:</p>		
<p>Department Name:</p> <p>Environment and Planning</p>		<p>Division Name:</p> <p>Community Development</p>
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>		
<p>Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Thomas</p>		
<p>Middle Name: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>* Last Name: Dearing</p>		
<p>Suffix: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>Title: Commissioner</p>		
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<p>* Telephone Number: 716-858-7256</p>		<p>Fax Number: 716-858-7248</p>
<p>* Email: thomas.dearing@erie.gov</p>		

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="CDBG funds used for infrastructure improvements, economic development and housing rehabilitation assistance in low income areas of the Erie County Consortium."/>	
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE <small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an Internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Mark"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="C"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Poloncarz"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="County Executive"/>	
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* a. Legal Name: Erie County		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 16-6002558		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0714790390000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 95 Franklin Street		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: Buffalo		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: NY: New York		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 14202		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Environment and Planning		Division Name: Community Development
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Thomas		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: Dearing		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: Commissioner		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 716-858-7256		Fax Number: 716-858-7248
* Email: thomas.dearing@erie.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:		
B: County Government		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:		
* Other (specify):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
Housing and Urban Development Agency		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
14.239		
CFDA Title:		
Home Investment Partnerships Program		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
* Title:		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
Title:		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):		
	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment
		View Attachment
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:		
EUMK program funds used for housing rehabilitation and rental assistance for low income residents of the Erie County Consortium.		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.		
Add Attachments	Delete Attachments	View Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="262728"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="HOME"/>
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="04/01/2016"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="03/31/2017"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="591,737.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="222,484.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="814,221.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text" value="01/12/2016"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div> </div>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE <small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Mark"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="C"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Poloncars"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="County Executive"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="716-856-8503"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="mark.poloncars@erie.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">[Signature]</div>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="02/12/2016"/>

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation * Other (Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Revision
* 3. Date Received: 02/12/2016		4. Applicant Identifier:
5a. Federal Entry Identifier: 8-16-00-36-0011		5b. Federal Award Identifier: 864/60152
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:
2. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Erie County		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 16-6002553		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0714730590000
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* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.231"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant Program"/>	
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* Title: <input type="text"/>	
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <div> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="ESG program funds used for assistance for the homeless population of the Erie County Consortium. Assistance includes homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and stabilization services."/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/> </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
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18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="215,143.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
* c. State	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="199,008.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="414,151.00"/>
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Middle Name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="C"/>	
* Last Name: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text" value="Poloncarz"/>	
Suffix: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	
* Title: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text" value="County Executive"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="716-858-8500"/>	Fax Number: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
* Email: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text" value="mark.poloncarz@erie.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">[Signature]</div>	* Date Signed: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="02/12/2016"/>

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing – The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

_____ Signature/Authorized Official	2/12/16 Date
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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available;
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2016, 2017, and 2018 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

_____	<u>2/12/16</u>
Signature/Authorized Official	Date

Title

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature/Authorized Official 2/12/16
Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Signature/Authorized Official

2/12/16
Date

Title

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Signature/Authorized Official 2/12/16
Date

Title

HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

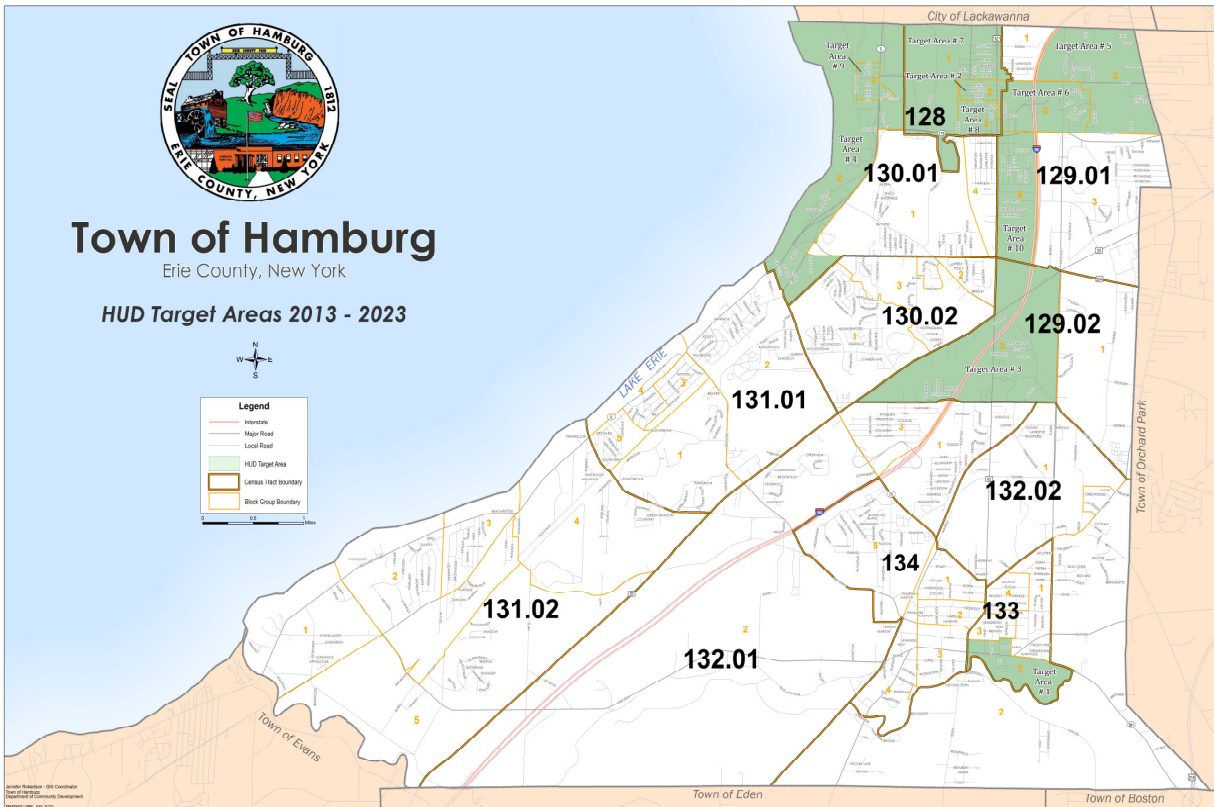
The Town of Hamburg, New York is a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Community on its own and is also part of the Erie County/Town of Hamburg/Town of West Seneca

HOME Consortium thus allowing the town to also receive annual, federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funding without having to apply separately each year to New York State on a competitive basis as it had done during the first years of the program. However, since the federal HOME funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are distributed through Erie County, the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), the Town of Hamburg is required to file its Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan as part of Erie Counties Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan submission to HUD. With this being said, the Town of Hamburg on its own is a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "Entitlement Community" receiving its own Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as a separate allocation independent from Erie County. Given this dual status, the Town of Hamburg is submitting this document as its separate section of the Erie County Consortium Consolidated Plan/Action Plan submission. This section focuses on the needs and accomplishments of the Town of Hamburg in more detail as it relates to its housing and community development goals

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

See AP-35 Projects. This section list all of the projects for PY 2016.



Target Area Map

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As part of the creation of the Town of Hamburg's 2016 "Draft" Action Plan, the Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development held six (6) public hearings which allowed for public comments and questions about our programs. The the six (6) public hearings were all held within the lobby of Hamburg Town Hall on the dates and times listed below:

1. September 14, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
2. September 28, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
3. October 7, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
4. October 26, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

5. October 28, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
6. November 4, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

Most of the public hearings were held on nights when there was a Hamburg Town Board meeting, thus the residents had a chance to attend both a public hearing and a Town Board meeting. This scheduling of public hearings allowed for a greater amount of interaction between the public, the Hamburg Town Board and especially with the Department of Community Development. This interaction led to people coming to each and every public hearing held during the fall of 2015.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Having our public hearings on the same days as Town Board Work Sessions and Public Meetings had its desired outcome of having people attend each and every public hearing held for the federal Community Development and HOME programs.

Once again this year there was an increase in the number of people attending the public hearings throughout the fall. The public hearing format seems to be working better than the past practice of holding a number of meetings to get public participation. This new format of citizen participation has increased the public input and knowledge of the CDBG/HOME programs. There has also been specific participation from several local school districts (Hamburg, Frontier and Orchard Park School Districts). Students are being told to attend our public hearings to find out how federal funding is allocated at split out between local communities. Furthermore, all of our public information was available on the Town of Hamburg website which is listed at: www.townofhamburgny.com/cdbg

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

N/A

7. Summary

See above.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Hamburg	Department of Community Development
HOME Administrator		Hamburg	Department of Environment & Planning

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development

6100 South Park Avenue

Hamburg, NY 14075

(716) 648-4180

www.townofhamburgny.com

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Because homelessness is less concentrated in the Town of Hamburg and the other Erie County Consortia municipalities, it is not as noticeable as it is in the nearby City of Buffalo. There are no emergency shelters located within the Consortia, and rapid re-housing is difficult due to the suburban and rural nature of the Consortia's settled areas. The Consortia coordinate with the Homeless Alliance of Western New York (HAWNY), which manages the Continuum of Care (CoC) within the area. The CoC maintains a rapid re-housing program for the five-county Western New York area. This entails providing apartments to homeless individuals and families who present only moderate barriers to achieving housing stability.

Community development staff in the Consortia have participated in the Prism Project Forum and Point in Time Count to survey the homeless and help to create a data base of services utilized by the chronically homeless. These projects, sponsored by HAWNY, have produced a Ten-Year Action Plan to end homelessness in the broader Erie County community. Among the priorities the Plan sets for the community are permanent housing for the chronically homeless and permanent housing for clients dealing with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

Two HUD-certified housing counseling agencies provide one-on-one counseling with low-moderate income eligible residents with housing issues who are often at risk of homelessness, credit/financial issues, apartment searches, tenant-landlord issues, fair housing issues, etc. Belmont Housing Resources for WNY administers the Sec 8 rental assistance program for all of Erie County (except for City of Buffalo) and provides the greatest amount of housing and credit counseling for individuals and families, while Buffalo Urban League offers legal assistance as well as credit counseling for those households at the risk of mortgage default or foreclosure.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate

outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Town of Hamburg does not receive ESG funds.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) is under contract with the Department of Community Development to administer a large amount of Fair Housing services for all residents and non-residents seeking housing opportunities within the township. In addition, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) works in conjunction with the Department of Community Development to provide fair housing services including mobility choice counseling, on-site fair housing counseling, housing outreach activities, tenant-landlord counseling and presentations held throughout the town and Western New York that will benefit the residents directly. Each month there is a designated day on site at Hamburg Town Hall when HOME personnel come out on site and meet with residents, non-residents, landlords, tenants, etc. This allows for fair housing services to be expanded for residents of the town and for any person interested in receiving fair housing information
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Belmont Housing Resources for WNY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Belmont Housing Resources for WNY is under contract with the Department of Community Development to administer a large amount of housing counseling services for Town of Hamburg residents. Under the current contract, Belmont will be providing eligible town residents with the following services: Financial management as it pertains to the towns Hometown Housing Programs; Budget counseling; Credit counseling; Debt counseling; Foreclosure avoidance; Mobility counseling and At Risk counseling, which includes a new town program created in 2012. This new town program, the Homeless Impact and Prevention Program or HIaPP was created by the Department of Community Development to help prevent homeless situations within the township and villages as well as providing access to a program that can rapidly re-house clients if required</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

As part of the creation of the Town of Hamburg's 2016 "Draft" Action Plan, the Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development held six (6) public hearings which allowed for public comments and questions about our programs. The the six (6) public hearings were all held within the lobby of Hamburg Town Hall on the dates and times listed below:

1. September 14, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
2. September 28, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
3. October 7, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
4. October 26, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
5. October 28, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
6. November 4, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

Most of the public hearings were held on nights when there was a Hamburg Town Board meeting, thus the residents had a chance to attend both a public hearing and a Town Board meeting. This scheduling of public hearings allowed for a greater amount of interaction between the public, the Hamburg Town Board and especially with the Department of Community Development. This interaction led to people coming to each and every public hearing held during the fall of 2015.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	25 residents attended the six public hearings.	The residents were very interested in our housing programs especially the housing rehabilitation and first time home buyer programs.		
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearing notice was available on Town of Hamburg web site. Also, Christopher Hull announced the public hearing schedule at a Town Board Meeting, as a result the schedule is the official minutes of the Hamburg Town Board.	N/A	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Ads were taken out throughout the fall in the Town of Hamburg's two official newspapers, The Hamburg Sun and The Front Page, to inform residents of the public hearings.	N/A	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

The Town of Hamburg’s 2016 “Draft” Action Plan has listed an estimated amount of CDBG and HOME funding. Any increase or decrease in funding that is directed to the Town of Hamburg to match actual allocation amounts given at a later date will be applied to the specific project of “Program Administration”.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	380,000	400,000	0	780,000	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Both the Village of Hamburg and Village of Blasdell put funds towards their specific projects.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

N/A

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

The Town of Hamburg estimates that it will provide 25 households affordable housing defined by HOME 91.215(b). This will be achieved through the Town of Hamburg's First Time Home Buyer Program, Housing Rehabilitation Conditional Grant, Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and Mobile Home Rehabilitation Loan Program.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects will be conducted in FY 2016.

#	Project Name
1	Planning/Admin
2	Village of Hamburg Waterlines
3	Village of Blasdell Infrastructure Reconstruction
4	Town of Hamburg Highway
5	Housing Rehabilitation
6	First Time Homebuyer

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Planning/Admin
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Funding for annual program planning and administrative activities including the following: Salaries of staff "Community Development Assistant", "Community Development Aide" and the Director as needed. Administrative funding is also utilized for contracted purposes, program supplies, professional equipment and required travel. Administrative funding is also utilized extensively for public information notices and especially for extensive Fair Housing activities. An estimated \$20,000 of the total \$65,000 will be from 2015 CDBG Line of Credit Funds, while the remaining \$25,000 will be from our Housing Renovation Revolving Loan Program Income funds.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	

2	Project Name	Village of Hamburg Waterlines
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Water line replacement on Hunt Avenue.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income families will benefit from the water line reconstruction project.
	Location Description	Water line replacement on Hunt Avenue. Target area #1 .
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Village of Blasdell Infrastructure Reconstruction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Road reconstruction on Allen Street.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	Road Reconstruction on . Target Area #
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Town of Hamburg Highway
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Road reconstruction within a HUD target area.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Road Reconstruction on . Target Area #
5	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Town wide housing rehab
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten (10) households are estimated to benefit from the Town of Hamburg's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and Mobile Home Rehabilitation Loan Program.
	Location Description	Town Wide
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.
6	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Principle reduction assistance for First Time Homebuyer (FTHB). Town wide.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It estimated that twelve (12) existing first time home buyers and two (2) new construction will benefit from homebuyer assistance.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

See attached target area map.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG funds are intended to provide low- and moderate- income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities to be funded with CDBG funds include public improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents;
- Focusing on low- and moderate-income persons, areas, or neighborhoods;
- Coordinating and leveraging of resources;
- Responding to expressed needs;
- Achieving sustainability and/or long-term impact;
- Having the ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The older housing stock in the community requires ongoing housing rehabilitation. The popularity of the program shows the ongoing need and high demand for housing rehabilitation. Also, the Town of Hamburg created its Hometown Housing “Existing Home” Program in 1998. This program offers Homeownership Assistance to low/moderate income first time home buyers . The “Existing” Home Program has exploded into the Department of Community Development’s most popular programs. As a result, homeownership assistance is a high priority for the Town of Hamburg.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	15
Special-Needs	0
Total	15

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	12

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Town of Hamburg does not have any public housing facilities within its jurisdiction. Belmont Housing Recorces for WNY is the PHA for the Town of Hamburg.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

N/A

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

N/A

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

N/A

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Town of Hamburg does not receive ESG funds but Erie does receive these funds to prevent homelessness.

In Program Year 2011 the Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development initiated the Homeless Impact and Prevention Program (HlaPP) for residents of the Town of Hamburg and continued in Program Year 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. This was done for the following two (2) reasons. First, the initial program that was created to deal with homelessness, the ECHO (Erie County Homeless Outreach) program did not include any of the western New York CDBG entitlement communities except the City of Buffalo and Erie County. This meant that the towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Tonawanda and Hamburg could not receive any program assistance or funding. Second, the large number of phone inquiries being directed to the Town of Hamburg from its residents trying to get assistance for a program of this type. In order to address the needs of its community, the Town of Hamburg created its own program called the Homeless Impact and Prevention Program (HlaPP). The purpose of the Town of Hamburg's HlaPP Program is to promote a town-wide commitment toward the goal of ending homelessness. The Town of Hamburg will provide funding to low and moderate income persons/families on a case by case basis with the understanding that its lack of a dedicated source of funding will limit the ability to accomplish its goals in this regard.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

If in the combined determination of "Belmont" and the "Town", an extreme, emergency homeless situation is presented by any household/family, a provision of payment to a motel/hotel for a short period of time (one week or less) may be provided to said household/family. The household/family must sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement for both the "Town" and "Belmont" which will state that the "Town" and/or "Belmont" are not responsible or liable for any breach of contract, accident liability or damage which might arise from the household/families utilization of a motel/hotel. Only a combined determination between "Belmont" and the "Town" will determine who is specifically eligible for this assistance. However, only the "Town" can approve financial assistance under this program.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

A maximum of six months' rent can be offered as financial assistance to approved, qualified households/families. In determining financial assistance, it must be clear that the financial assistance to be provided will be sufficient to assist the household/family. Each household/family is eligible to utilize this program once, so as to avoid abuse of the system and to protect program funding. If a household/family is so far delinquent in their rent or mortgage that three months of financial assistance would not be enough to help the overall situation, no funding can be provided from the Town.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

See above

Discussion

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The Town of Hamburg has it's own Fair Housing Law. The Erie County Consortium through the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning collaborated with the Towns of Amherst, Tonawanda, Cheektowaga and Hamburg to finalize a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice document. With the goal of strengthening fair housing enforcement activities throughout Erie County.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

In FY 2016, the Town of Hamburg plans the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of Town residents, especially low- and moderate- income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The chief obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of, or inadequate, resources---both financial and human (staffing). The Town of Hamburg will continue to collaborate with human and social service agencies and the Continuum of Care to identify potential resources for meeting the service needs of City residents. The Town of Hamburg will support the efforts of service agencies in Erie County to maximize the use of available resources and to obtain additional resources whenever possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In FY 2016, the Town of Hamburg will use \$120,000 in CDBG Program Income to assist five families/units with housing rehabilitation. In FY 2016, the Town of Hmaburg will used \$200,000 in CDBG Program Income to assist fourteen families with homeownership.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In all of its housing assistance programs, The Consortium will evaluate all properties built prior to 1978 and require remediation where lead-based paint hazards are present. The foregoing would suggest that the incidence of lead-based paint hazards is a manageable problem within the Erie County CDBG Consortium and the Town of Hamburg.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Erie County Department of Social Services is involved in numerous efforts to reduce the number of people living below the poverty level. The Department relies heavily on direct contact with other agencies, many of which seek to find employment for Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients. A few of these agencies are the New York State Department of Labor, the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, and area school districts.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development has primary responsibility for administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program entitlement grants received annually by the Town of Hamburg. The Community Development Department acts as a local lending institution by issuing housing and mobile home

rehabilitation loans for low and moderate income persons or families. Additionally, as part of the duties of any financial institution, the department also receives and records all of the loan payments from its housing and mobile home rehabilitation program recipients. On a weekly basis, the department forwards the loan payments and paperwork to the Town's Finance Department where a complete "double check" system is in place to prevent errors. The individual loan payments coming back into the program act as recycled funds and are utilized to make additional rehabilitation loans.

In addition, the Department of Community Development also has jurisdiction and reporting duties over the town's economic development loan program. The economic development loans are part of the towns Community Development Block Grant funding and portfolio.

Currently, the Town of Hamburg has an Agreement with the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) to administer its economic development program. The "HDC" is a direct sub-recipient of the Town of Hamburg and its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The town monitors the HDC loan program semi-annually to ensure compliance with all regulations of the CDBG program. The HDC is charged with issuing loans to "for-profit" businesses in return for job creation activities with said businesses

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

See previous answer.

Discussion

See above.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used

for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

N/A. The Town of Hamburg uses HOME funds for housing rehabilitation.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The Town of Hamburg places a lein on the property that had been rehabilitated. The amount of years of the affordability period is based upon the dollar amount put into the household. If the less than \$15,0000 is put into the dwelling, the affordability period is five years. If the dollar amount is greater than \$15,000 than the affordibilty period is ten years.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

N/A

Discussion

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

Community Development Block Grant/Program Income/HOME Program

CDBG Line of Credit Funds:

Program Planning and Administration (CDBG)	\$ 20,000.00 *
Town of Hamburg Infrastructure Reconstruction (Highway Department)	\$120,000.00
Village of Hamburg; Waterline Reconstruction	\$120,000.00
Village of Blasdell; Infrastructure Reconstruction	\$120,000.00
<u>TOTAL 2016 CDBG FUNDING AMOUNT:</u>	<u>\$380,000.00</u>

***The Town of Hamburg's 2016 "Draft" Action Plan has listed an estimated amount of CDBG and HOME funding. Any increase or decrease in funding that is directed to the Town of Hamburg to match actual allocation amounts given at a later date will be applied to the specific project of "Program Administration".**

CDBG Anticipated Program Income Funds:

First Time Home Buyer (Program Income)	\$200,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation (Program Income Only)	\$125,000.00
Planning and Administration (Program Income)	\$ 70,000.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME: **\$400,000.00**

2016 Home Investment Partnership Program (Town of Hamburg only):

Planning and Administration (Total)	\$ 9,763.00
(Hamburg Use)	(\$2,441.00)
[Erie County Use]	[\$7,332.00]
Housing Renovation Program "Conditional Grants"	\$ 73,228.00
Program Delivery	\$ -,---.---
CHDO	\$ 14,646.00

TOTAL 2016 HOME FUNDING AMOUNT: **\$ 97,637.00**

Total 2016 "DRAFT" One Year Action Plan Funding: **\$877,637.00**

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 3/31/2016

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/>		
* Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Town of Hamburg, New York"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="16-6002270"/>		* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0010049446000"/>
d. Address:		
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Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Hamburg"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text" value="NY: New York"/>		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="14075-3774"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/> * First Name: <input type="text" value="Christopher"/>		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Hull"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Community Development"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(716) 618 6316"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="chulltownofhamburgny.com"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value=""/>	
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Title: <input type="text"/>	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="04/01/2016"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="03/31/2017"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="380,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="400,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="780,000.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
<small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Steven"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="J."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Walters"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Supervisor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(716) 649-6111"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="supervisor@townofhamburgny.com"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value=""/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="02/12/2016"/>